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Harold Cater, clerk.

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Vassalboro Monthly Meeting
Record Book
- Commencing 1st month 1951 -

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends held at home of Maurice and Malvena Robbins Jan. 11, 1951. Annie Guptil led the Devotional period using the 46th Psalm as a scripture lesson. Records of last meeting were read and approved. The clerk read from a current magazine an article entitled "Why I believe in God" by A. J. Cronin, author of the Citadel, the Green Years etc. Malvena Robbins read a letter from the Friends Service Committee soliciting donations for their work. This letter received just prior to Christmas arrived too late for Monthly meetings action in December but it was suggested that we send $5.00 which was approved.
A letter from Elvira Whitten was read expressing her gratitude for Christmas gift she received from the Meeting. The following were named delegates to attend Quarterly Meeting at East Vassalboro: Ralph Kent, George Webber, Malvena Robbins, Doris Clowes and Madeline Cates.
Lillian Haslam, Maude Webber and Annabel Cates were named as a committee to prepare the Saturday noon dinner. The annual treasurer's report was read by Malvena Robbins which again showed her able custodianship of our finances, a work greatly appreciated. Eva Owen sent a report that she was sponsoring a retreat for girls of high school age the week end of Jan 19 + 20th which Hannah Whitten and Ann Cates plan to attend.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet at usual time in February if the Lord permit

Harold Cates, clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Harold and Eula Taylor Feb 14, 1951. The Devotional period was led by Elda Henderson who read the 12th chapter of Romans as a scripture lesson. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. A request for transfer of membership to the First Baptist church of Athol Massachusetts was received from Gladys and Priscilla Jones. This transfer was approved and the clerk was instructed to notify the minister of this church of of our action. The following were named a committee to prepare the annual Roll-call letter: Paul Cates, Elda Henderson and Madeline Cates. March 11th was named as the date of the Roll-call meeting. All necessary business completed we conclude proposing to meet at usual time in March if the Lord permit.

Harold Cates, clerk

A "called" monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Morris and Malvena Robbins on March 7th, 1951. Elda Henderson again led our Devotional period reading about Pentecost in the 2nd chapter of Acts and telling the lesson this scripture had brought home to her. A request from Harriet Webber Smith for a transfer of membership to the First Congregational church of St Johnsbury Center, Vermont was approved. A general discussion of membership transfers and deaths followed plus a grateful acknowledgment of the work Elda Henderson is doing in trying to bring our records up to date. A suggestion that someone should be appointed to keep our records accurate hereafter was approved and Madeline Cates was named for this work. The Treasurer reported that $250.00 had been paid on our Yearly meeting quota with $110 99 still due. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet at the usual time in April if the Lord permit.

Harold Cates, clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at home of Ralph and Celia Kent, April 11th, 1951. Annie Gifford in leading the Devotional period read the 17th Chapter of Luke together with comments on this scripture by E. Stanley Jones. A letter from Gerald Haynes was read, inviting the young people to attend another conference at South Durham, the facilities of the Maine Idyl again being proffered by the Marstallers. Brought to our attention were questionnaires seeking to learn the position of each member on war. These were to be filled in and returned to Millicent Foster, 2 Howard avenue, Hope R.I. before June 1st, the replies being anonymous. Also brought to our attention was the biography of Rufus Jones by David Hinshaw, recently published, and now on sale at $4.00 per copy. The following were named as delegates to attend the Quarterly meeting at South China in May: Annie Gifford, Ralph Kent, Celia Kent, Malvena Robbins and Doris Clowes.

Effie Cates suggested that the younger members join with some Oak Grove students to go to East Benton for a meeting, which was heartily approved.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet at the usual time in May if the Lord permit.

Harold Cates, clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends held at home of Ralph and Celia Hunt May 16, 1951. Following the Devotional period led by Annie Guptil who read the 27th Psalm as a scripture lesson, the records of the last meeting were read and approved. A letter of appreciation from Madeline Cates and Howard and Louise Clark, for the expression of sympathy from the meeting over the death of Percy Cates was read.

Lillian Hodson and Celia Hunt were named a committee to report on the spiritual condition of the meeting. The request of Harold Cates that he be relieved of the duties of Clerk was granted and Annabel Cates was then named as clerk in his place. The suggestion that $10.00 be given toward the support of the Young Friends at yearly meeting was also approved. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet at usual time in June if the Lord permit.

Harold Cates, clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Harold and Annabel Cates June 13, 1951. A devotional period was led by Harold Cates who read the last chapter of Mark. A decision was made to send ten dollars to the Yearly Meeting for the help of the young Friends. The matter of the church vestry roof was presented and left in charge of Maurice Robbins. The question of a minister for the summer was discussed. On inquiry we find Dr. Brush is not available. The repair of the tennis court was postponed, due to illness near by.

The papers, the Concensus on Peace Testimony have been distributed to all members of the meeting and sent to the secretary of the peace committee of the Yearly meeting - A letter from Harold Chance was read and books from the Friends peace Committee were distributed. The suggestion that we buy a new record book and have the old one rebound was approved.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel I. Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Maurice and Malvena Robbins July 11, 1951.

The devotional period was led by Annie Guptill who read verses from the twelth chapter of Romans.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved The queries were read and considered. We appoint as our representatives to the coming Quarterly Meeting at So China, George & Millie Webber, Malvena Robbins, Doris Clowes and Margaret Cates. A letter was read from the American Friends' Fellowship Council concerning the 1952 World Conference. Margaret Cates of this meeting has been named as one of the thirteen delegates from New England to attend. The question of church vacation has been left for further consideration. Interesting letters from "Dean" Pruera Robeson of Cooperstown School for girls, a former pastor and Wallace Robbins of the United States Forestry Service of Colorado were read. Maurice Robbins and Harold Cates were named a committee of two to have the church entry repaired as soon as possible.

Malvena Robbins expressed a concern that the financial report be audited. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel I Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Ralph & Celia Hunt Aug. 1, 1957.

Bernice Gupthill led devotions reading a portion of the tenth chapter of Luke beginning the twenty second verse.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Elda Henderson's name was added to the list of delegates to attend Quarterly Meeting with Celia Hunt as alternate.

The Elders decided to meet the following week and discuss important business. The nominating committee for new elders were Ralph Hunt, Benny Cates and Margaret Cates.

The subject of a new minister was discussed. Milton Hadley, our new Field Secretary on a recent visit had told of Ernest Weed of No. Carolina, who wished to come to Maine and work in a church. This was left to the elders.

The young folks presented plans for a work and worship conference to be held Aug 10-11 together with young folks from So. China. This consisted of work on Saturday morning, discussions Saturday afternoon and evening. Sunday morning an unprogrammed meeting at the E. Vassalboro meeting house followed by discussion and a pot luck dinner.

This was approved by all.

It was decided to have the first two Sundays in August for a church vacation.

A letter from the Peace and Social Concerns of the Yearly Meeting was read and left with the nominating committee.

An article by James Morgan concerning Quakers was read by Olive Cates also part of "What we have seen" by Hugh Stevenson Tigner.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel I Cates, Clerk

Sept. 27 - Elvira Whitten, wife of Guy Whitten passed away September twenty-seventh at the age of forty nine years. She was a member of the E. Vassalboro Friends' meeting. She is survived by her husband Guy Whitten and one daughter, Hannah M. Whitten of this town.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the home of Lawrence and Lillian Harlow Sept. 12, 1951

Devotions were led by Annie Gupthill who read a portion of Phillippians followed by prayer.

Records of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter to Annie Gupthill from Pierre Robison was read and enjoyed.

A letter from Ernest Reed of No Carolina was read and discussed. As we are in need of a minister it was decided to ask him to come to us for a year.

Ralph Nutt and Harold Cates were named a committee of two to find a rent for the new minister if he comes.

The entry having been roofed, Malvina Robbins the treasurer was to be asked to pay with the interest money available, and the remainder from treasury.

The following elders were approved.
Ralph Nutt and George Cates -

Pearl Cates gave an interesting account of the All American Conference at Wilmington Ohio, subject "Faith in Work"

The Young Peoples Conference of Aug 17th, 18 & 19th took place and was greatly enjoyed by all.

The following program —

Friday the 17th An informal gathering at Cates home.

Saturday the 18th Busy storming crews cleaned the East Vassalboro & So. China grange halls. - Dinner at So China after which Morris Kirk the director of the A.M.S. camp at Old Town gave a work camp report. A report from Patricia Perry from westerly Rhode Island, of work camps was given. A swim was enjoyed at China Lake followed by a picnic supper at the cottage of Elizabeth and Mary Jones. An interesting summary and discussion of "Steps of Peace" was led by Rev. Bodine of Hartford Conn.

Sunday an unprogrammed meeting for worship at East Vassalboro meeting followed by dinner.

This conference was well attended by young folks from different parts of New England and was well worth while. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.
Annabel I Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins Oct. 10, 1951.

Annie Gaskill led devotions reading the twelfth chapter of Mark followed by prayer. Records of the last meeting were read.

After reading a recent letter from Ernest Weed, it was decided to acknowledge with approval of his plans to come to us in the early summer. Mean while we will depend on William Bryan to speak to us Sunday morning or to send a substitute from Colby College.

A letter from Ernest Rainsworth was read acknowledging the donation for missions of $10.00.

Letters from the finance committee and T. Noel Stevens of the New England Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns committee were read. Books from that committee, the American Board of Missions and A.F.S.C. also Friend's World Conference literature were distributed.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.
Annabel I Cates Clerk.

Some letters were [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] offering at the [illegible] were Malvina Robbins, [illegible] [illegible]

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Ralph and Celia Hunt, Nov 17, 1951. Harold Cates led devotions, reading the first sixteen verses of the twentieth chapter of Matthew. Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The question of having Cecil Hinshaw speak to us on the date of Nov. 21 was discussed. It was decided to contact Russell Johnson immediately inviting Cecil Hinshaw to come on that date.

We were in favor of contributing to funds for the world conference, the amount to be decided later.

Effie Cates asked if the meeting would be interested in sponsoring a mitten tree (suggested by the A.F.S.C) for Christmas. All are in favor of helping with this project.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel D Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Guy Whitten, Wednesday evening Jan 9, 1952 -

Devotions were led by Annie Guptill who read the eighth chapter of Romans beginning with the 35th verse followed by a reading in Home Prayers -

Records of the last meeting were read and approved -

The Queries were read by Guy Whitten, after which the following delegates were named to attend the coming Quarterly Meeting in February, - Celia & Ralph Kent, Annie Guptill and George Webber.

The dinner committee for that day were named Malvina Robbins, Maud Webber, Mildred Taylor and Lillian Hanson.

Doris Clowes and George Cates were chosen to write the annual roll call letter.

The following Peace & Social Concerns committee were chosen, - Doris Clowes Ralph Kent & George Cates -

A letter from Milton Hadley concerning Universal Military Training was read and considered - Harold Cates and Annie Guptill were asked to write our senators Brewster & Smith concerning this bill. The clerk is requested to answer Milton Hadley's letter telling him of our decision and inquire if he will be present at the February Quarterly Meeting -

Annie Guptill and Effie Cates reported that most of the contributions for the World Conference has been collected -

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Guy R. Whitten Wednesday evening Feb 13, 1952. Devotions were led by Mrs. Annie Guptill who read the first ten verses of the third chapter of Acts followed by an appropriate selection on using our given talents. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. Financial reports of 1950 & 1951 were presented by the treasurer & audited by George Cates.

Annie Guptill and Harold Cates told of writing Senators Brewster and Smith concerning U.M.T. and receiving replies.

The date of the roll call meeting was left with Dora Clowes and George Cates who are writing the letter.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meeting again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Guy Whitten [illegible]

Records of the last meeting were read and approved. Devotionals were led by Annie Guptill using the fourth chapter of Phillipians, up to the fifteenth verse. A letter was read from Kenneth La Fleur. He is a divinity student from Bangor Theogicial Seminary. He has volunteered to conduct the coming Easter Service and told of his plans and suggested things we could do to help. Harold Cates, delegated by the clerk to contact Wm. Bryan as to his support of Kenneth's offer, reported Bryan thought this a splendid idea.

Ruth Cates read a letter of appreciation for the work donated by the "mitten tree" workers. A report from Freda Hadley was read letting how an outsider sees a Washington Committee hearing.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Benny & Edna Cates Apr 9, 1952. Devotions were led by Annie Guptill who read the first fifteen verses of the fifteenth chapt. of Mark following by an appropriate selection from "Home Prayers". Records of the last meeting were read and approved.
A letter of Nellie Marriner was enjoyed.
A letter from Paul Butterworth was read telling of the Coney's need for funds to attend the world conference. Millie Webber was named a committee of one to attend to this collection. The church yard fence needs to be repaired and painted. This was left with the property com.
No further Business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam and Elizabeth Towle May 14, 1952. George Webber lead devotionals. Queries were read by Malvena Robbins after which the following delegates were named for the coming Quarterly Meeting at Winthrop Ct. George & Millicent Webber, Malvena Robbins, Lillian Haslam.
A letter of appreciation from the relatives of Annie Bryant for flowers was read.
The housing problem of Ernest Reed & family who will arrive soon, was discussed.
Letters from Cambridge concerning the general equalization fund were read.
No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Ralph + Alice Kent June 11, 1952 with 15 present. Devotions were led by Ernest Hood. Esther Hood read the first psalm and a few verses of the 6th chapter of Matthew.

A letter was read from Cambridge about the Equalization Fund. It was decided to send ten dollars to be used for the young friends housing.

An announcement was made about Ernest Lamb of the five years meeting who is expected the evening of June 17th at the So China meeting house. All invited.

There will be no meeting on Yearly Meeting Sunday the 22nd of June.

A report from the Friends World committee was read. It was left with the treasurer, Melvina Robbins to use her own judgment in sending a donation.

Lillian Haslam and Elizabeth Toote were named a committee of two to write Herbert Goddard of California concerning the condition of the meeting, suggestion that a donation would be much appreciated.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the Meeting House July 9, 1952. Devotions were led by Ernest Ward who read the Queries. The following delegates were named for the Coming Quarterly Meeting at So China; Doris Clowes, Madeline Cates, Malvena Robbins. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. Efforts have been made by Elizabeth Towle and Lillian Hodson to get the address of Herbert Goddard, but so far no communication has been able to reach him. A report from the yearly Meeting finance committee was read by Margaret Cates. On consultation with elders and Friends it was decided to purchase a house for our minister and family. We heartily approve of this step. A volunteer group consisting of Doris Clowes, Margaret Cates, Mae Cates and Malvena Robbins have organized the interior decorating. Maurice Robbins is named chairman of a committee to fix up the grounds of the house. Money has been loaned to the meeting by Mae Cates to pay for the place, the sum of $800 with 4% interest.

A report of the financial condition of the meeting has been read by Malvena Robbins, treasurer. A number of suggestions have been made for paying our debt. One - different families to pay $30 for one month's payment, another to have a building fund another for individual members to take out demand notes for $100 or more without interest and loan the money to the church. It was decided to leave what money we have in the bank for the present and bring in our decisions to the next monthly meeting.

The matter of contributions to the budget was discussed. The question of having the tax abated was left in the hands of Maurice Robbins and Harold Cates. Effie Cates presented a concern which was extended to the Christian Education, Young Friends and Missionary Committees by members of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee at yearly Meeting, that there be two overnight conferences for the purpose of committee members talking over the problems of the local committees. There would be at least one, conference in Southern and one in Northern New England with one delegate from each committee of each local meeting attending at least one conference. Milton Hadley, a.y.m., expressed hope that local meetings work on this in order to make the conferences a real success. / Ernest Wood suggests it might be interesting to have evening meetings in September, taking up the study of the Revised American Standard edition of the Bible, with occasionally an outside speaker. All seemed to favor this suggestion. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

A called meeting of Friends of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held at the meeting house July 23, 1952. Plans were made of financing our debt with demand notes without interest. All were in favor of selling 150 sq feet of land belonging to Friend's house for $100. It was decided to leave the question of changing the hour of the Sunday School with the Supt. and teachers (10 oclock instead of 12). Church vacation was discussed. With the exception of Quarterly Meeting at So. China it was decided to have no church vacation this year. Malvena Robbins told of a visit to Mrs. Elda Henderson, who is ill and suggested all send cards to her. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit,

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house Aug 13, 1952. Devotions were led by Ernest Reed who read from Paul's second letter to Timothy beginning with the fourteenth verse of the 2nd chapter. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Melissa Robbins, treasurer, reported the amount of money collected on notes for Friends House. All approved paying the debt as she receives the money. She also reported that the mistake at Lawries Bros Fairfield, on window shades for Friends House has been rectified.

All approve of having Milton Hadley speak to us Aug 24 at eight o'clock. George Cates has been asked to contact Albert Smith in regards to a meeting at East Benton. There is a concern about the Sunday School. Suggestions of social activities have been given. A Committee has been named to plan a picnic or social, namely, Marjorie Robbins, Marion Cates, June Cates, Betty Ann Taylor and Esther Wood.

George Cates has been asked to contact Charles Hayward to do a job of plastering at Friends' House.

Associate members of the Church are to be contacted soon by Ernest Wood on becoming active members.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house Sept. 10, 1952. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed, reading from the Testament of Devotion by Thomas Kelly, followed by prayer. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. Malvena Robbins, treasurer, reported that new notes have been taken out. We welcome as active members in our meeting Marjorie Robbins, Carleton Cates and Ann Cates. We also welcome Ernest & Esther Weed and children Joyce, Esther and Stella from the Springfield meeting of Friends High Point, North Carolina. The new members are to be given each a copy of Faith & Practice. Ernest Weed speaks of the needs of the East Benton meeting. He suggests perhaps some could give a days work there, to encourage them and keep the church in the Friends' denomination. We decide to bring this concern to the next Quarterly Meeting. The time for Sunday school was discussed. All are in favor of 10 oclock and try to be prompt. Annie Gufstill is named Chairman of the Religious education committee. Doris Clowes' name is added to the list. A meeting of the committee will be held Monday evening at Friends house. A social took place at the church as planned with all taking part. Games & refreshments were enjoyed. Much credit is given to the committee in charge. A supper will be given a week from Thursday. We are willing to buy a second hand copper tank for Friends' House. We are pleased to have Elsie Coney of Sedley Virginia with us, as guest. The following announcement

Randall Carleton Cates son of Benj. Jr. & Edna Cates of this meeting was born Aug. 16, 1952.

Frank Herbert Upham passed away Sept 1, 1952 at the age of 93 years. He was the oldest member of the meeting. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ora Hyde of this town, Mrs. David Henley Richmond, Indiana & Mrs Ralph Richmond of Bath Me..

Milton Hadley will be with us for the following Sunday evening meeting when we will begin our study of the revised American edition of the Bible. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Also Clerk's note - The following delegates were named for the coming Quarterly meeting at No. Fairfield Oct. 5-'52
Esther Weed - Annie Gufstill, Harold Cates, Madeline Cates.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Harold + Annabel Cates, Wed evening Oct. 8, 1952. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed who read the twelfth chapter of 1st Corinthians followed by prayer. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. The queries were read by Malvena Robbins after which the following delegates for the coming Quarterly Meeting were named. Effie Cates Malvena Robbins and Doris Clowes. Cecil Hinshaw of Gonic N.H. and connected with the Service Com. and the F.O.R. will be the speaker. He and his family will be guests of Ernest + Esther Weed while in the vicinity.

Malvena Robbins read a letter from James Walker asking for contributions for American Friends Fellowship Council and Friends World Committee. This was left to the discretion of the treasurer. As the insurance policy expires on Oct. 3, on Friend's House, it was approved to take out the insurance through the grange if possible. The matter of the Yearly Meeting Quota was brought to our attention. We instructed the treasurer to pay when possible.

The committee on Christian Education met at Friend's house as proposed and planned a Rally day program which was held Oct. 4. Benj. Cates Jr. helped much with the advertising and the programs he printed were much appreciated. The following were named to revise the committees of the church. Annabel Cates, Malvena Robbins, George Cates, Doris Clowes. The copper boiler was obtained for Friend's House and is in working order. All delegates named for the Quarterly Meeting at No Fairfield attended. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates. Clerk

Elvyn Pollard passed away Sept. 17, 1958 at the age of 45 years.

[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house Wed. evening Nov-19, 1952. Devotions was led by Ernest Reed who read verses from the gospel of Luke. A report of the Halloween party was given. A number of young people gathered at the church that night and enjoyed suitable games and refreshments. Instead of the usual trick or treat at the homes they visited during the evening, they gathered clothes for the Service Committee.

All delegates were present at the Oak Grove Quarterly Meeting with the exception of one.

A revised list of committee members was read.

Doris Cloyce and Esther Reed were named a committee to investigate needy people of the meeting and send them gifts at Thanksgiving time.

The time for meeting of the Sunday School was again discussed.

As a doorstep for Friend's House is needed a granite slab is suggested. This is left with Maurice Robbins.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

It was a real privilege to have the Haviland sisters with us this Wednesday. Edna Haviland met the ladies in the afternoon and gave an interesting talk on the needs of the Service Committee. After monthly meeting all enjoyed pictures of Palestine which were shown and explained by Katharine Haviland.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house Wednesday evening Dec 10, 1952. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed who gave an interesting talk on the Early Church in comparison with the religion of today. "We should learn to be led by the Golden rule and the Sermon on the Mount." This was followed by prayer.

Records of the last meeting were read and approved. Esther Weed reported that both Arthur and Olive Pope were remembered at Thanksgiving time. Mae Cates was asked to see that Absent members are remembered at Christmas. Madeline Cates and Paul Cates are to be asked to write the annual roll call letter, the date of the roll call meeting to be announced later. Doctor Cates, George Cates, Maurice Robbins and Ernest Weed are spoken of as possible janitors for the church this winter, each one taking the responsibility for a month. There is wood to be moved from Guy Whittier's to the church. Ralph Hunt and George Cates possibly could do this with trucks.

It is suggested that the revised list of committee members be typed and tacked up in church.

Malvena Robbins, Mae Cates, Esther Weed are named a committee of three to oversee the redecorating of the church entry.

It is with great regret that we note the passing of our dear friend Elda Henderson, who was beloved by the entire community. She was the wife of our late pastor Elam Henderson. At the age of eighty two years she passed away on Thanksgiving day November twenty seventh.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates (Clerk)

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Madeline Cates January 14, 1953. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed who talked on the Book of Acts and its references to the life of Paul in connection with the history of the early church. The bible reading was the book of Jude.

The committee on hauling wood from Guy Whitten's reported one load hauled.

Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting in February are: Celia Kent, Ralph Kent, Madeline Cates, and Esther Weed.

Dinner Committee for Q. M. are Doris Clowes, Esther Weed, Mae Cates, and Celia Kent.

The treasurer's reports were read and approved.

A letter from Henry Foster regarding 'spiritual conditions' was referred to Ministry and Council.

Ernest Weed will act as Janitor for the month of January and George Cates for February.

Funds to purchase a new mop for the church are to be contributed by Ralph Kent and George Cates.

Greetings were brought by Paul Cates from the meeting in Cobbenty, Germany. Ernest Weed is to prepare a return greeting from the monthly meeting. Paul is to speak at the Friends Meeting house on Jan. 20th of his work in Germany.

The Queries were read & discussed.

A fine Christmas Cantata was presented in conjunction with the M. E. Church with 19 voices, pianist & director. It was much enjoyed by all.

Esther Weed suggested that it would be valuable to teach the queries in our Sunday School.

Effie Cates & Malvina Robbins were appointed to visit Paul Cates & Madeline Cates with the roll call letter.

Madeline Cates suggested & the meeting approved taking necessary steps to have Ernest Weed recorded as a Friends minister. This was referred to the meeting of Ministry & Council.

Our business having been accomplished we conclude purposing to ~~to~~ meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

George F. Cates
clerk pro tem.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the Friends Meetinghouse, February 4th, 1953. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed who read selections from the First Epistle of John and led the meeting in prayer.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
A letter from the American Friends Service Comm. was read concerning the Valentine Dinner service opportunity. It was suggested and approved that in place of that project, a special collection be taken this coming Sunday to finance the sending of "Care" packages to flood victims in Holland or other disaster areas.
Esther Weed reported that funds had been provided to buy a new mop but that it had not as yet been purchased.
Dr. S.E. Cates was appointed as janitor for the month of March, and Maurice Robbins will serve during April.
The roll call letter committee reports that the annual letter had been written and that mimeographed copies had been sent out to members. It was also noted that a number of replies had already been received. The Roll Call meeting will be held March 1st, with dinner at noon followed by the Roll Call.

Plans for the dinner will be made by the social committee of the Church. Ernest Weed reported a missionary conference meeting to be held February 23rd in Cambridge, Mass. Esther Weed was appointed delegate.

It is with regret and a deep sense of loss that we record the passing of Benjamin Harold Cates. He spent his lifetime of seventy-one years as a member of, and in service to this community. He was a true friend and brother to his many acquaintances. We will greatly miss his tender concern for this meeting and his service on its committees. He passed away Monday evening, February 9th, after an illness of several months and much suffering.

Paul Cates spoke of a letter which had been received from Rachel A. Osborn, Chairman N.E.Y.M. Committee of Peace and Social Concerns. This letter mentioned several projects of the committee in peace and social work, and will be read at the next monthly meeting.

George Cates reported that there are eleven conscientious objectors in this state and spoke of the work that they would be doing.

Our business having been accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin H. Cates Jr.
Assistant Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Friends Church, March 11, 1953. Ernest Weeks led the devotions by reading from the first chapter of Romans. Selections were also read from the Journal of George Fox. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Rachel A. Osborne was read and discussed. Three projects were mentioned in the letter. These were: (1) use of Bird Meadow (2) storytelling contest for young people and (3) [illegible] work with [illegible].

The [illegible] was discussed and left to the attention of the [illegible].

Approval was given to Benjamin Cates to start dismantling the old sheds in return for any lumber which might be usable.

It was reported that one load of wood has been hauled to the church from the Whitten property.

A card of appreciation from [illegible] for clothing was read.

The church collection for Holland relief amounted to fifteen dollars and has been delivered to the Friends Service Committee by Paul Cates.

Paul has returned to our Service Committee [illegible] after a leave of absence for two months. He [illegible] to remain in [illegible] for another year.

The Roll Call meeting was held March first. Forty members were [illegible] and several letters were read from absent friends.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned to [illegible] again at the usual time [illegible].

[illegible] Cates Asst. Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Ralph and Celia Kent April 8, 1953. The devotional period was led by Ernest Reed. George Cates was asked to read an Easter message by Elton Trueblood. We were privileged to hear interesting remarks by Milton Hadley who also read passages from the book of Matthew. This was followed by prayer by Ernest Reed. Records of the last meeting were read by the assistant clerk Benj. Cates and approved. The queries were read by Malvina Robbins after which the following delegates were named for the next Quarterly meeting at Winthrop — George Webber, Millicent Webber, Malvina Robbins Celia Kent and Esther Reed. Thanks were given to the donators of a dry mop for the church. Benj. Cates Jr. was appointed to represent the meeting to meet with the Council of Churches in Waterville. It was thought that enough people to fill two cars could attend the institute on local meeting work held at Winthrop. The speech contest on Peace was to be left with the teachers of the Sunday School and the Peace and Social Concerns committee. The Milk for Korean Children project was left with Mrs. Guptill, head of the Christian education. The Friends Memorial Fund for moving the Bolton Meeting House was to be left with individuals. Malvina Robbins reported on the financial condition of the meeting also commented on the oil and electric bills. The Grange community service project for church going was presented. George Cates reported on the So. China Campsite meeting. Winslow & Ruth Osborne, Milton Hadley, Russell Brooks, Arthur Jones, Myron Jenness and Marcia Cornell were visiting Friends interested in this project. Various campsites were visited and the Pond Meeting House studied with hope of future summer camp meeting. Ernest Reed speaks of the needs at Friends. It was agreed to have a outside light, a door step, cold air register and to furnish paint & putty for windows. A vote of thanks was extended to Ralph Kent & Lawrence Harlan for cleaning the woodshed & moving the wood from the kitchen floor.

Milton Hadley produced the revised version of the Holy Bible which was examined. It is now on sale for six dollars.

It was a pleasure to have with us our friends Freda & Milton Hadley and Freda Hadley's father Mr. Russell -

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam Wednesday evening, May 13, 1953. Devotional period was led by Ernest Weed who read verses from Mark & followed by prayer. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. Benjamin Cates gave a report of the meeting of the council of churches Waterville. The picture "the Time for Greatness" from the A.F.S.C. will be shown at the First Baptist Church on the evening of May 28th. All approved of sending ten dollars for the General Equalization Fund of the Yearly Meeting. Ernest Weed suggested writing Ernest Lamb of Richmond Ind. explaining why we can not send funds just now for the new office building of the Five years meeting. It has been suggested to take enough from the Pinkham fund to pay for the remainder of the debt on Friend's house. We were priviledged recently to have an evening with Wilmer Cooper from Friends Com. on National legislation. It has been reported that an outside light has been installed at Friends House, also a granite slab for the door step has been removed from the church yard. It has been suggested having church services ~~June 7~~ in the evening thereby giving many a chance to attend services. Also all approved to have no services on Yearly Meeting Sunday.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the home of George & Mildred Webber, Wednesday evening June 10, 1953. The devotional period was led by Ernest Reed who asked Effie Cates to read articles by Tom Kelly and John Wilhelm Rowntree. Prayer followed by Ernest Reed. Records of last meeting were read and approved.

The need arises for screen doors for Friends House. Esther Reed was instructed to buy them in Waterville - Ralph Nash has offered to transport them. The Yearly Meeting calendars were distributed among those present. A letter concerning Junior Yearly Meeting was read by Benny Cates. It was suggested to plant the acre of beans another year, plowing this fall, as it was too late this spring. The Quarterly Meeting notify Monthly Meeting that Ernest Reed has been recorded Minister of the Society of Friends at the Quarterly Meeting held at Winthrop May 2nd.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the Meeting house, July 8, 1953. The devotional period was led by Ernest Reed who gave us thoughts from the worship group at Yearly Meeting. He also spoke of some of the experiences of the [illegible] [illegible] who has recently visited us. Records of last meeting were read and approved. The [illegible] Road Home [illegible] project was discussed. Annabel Cates and Esther Reed were named as delegates to visit the Fairfield and Winthrop meetings to present the needs of this camp. Joyce Reed and [illegible] Cates were named to go to So. China Quarterly Meeting. Letters from Carleton Cates and Joe Lippincott were read. An unprogrammed meet was announced for Sunday evening July 12 with visitors from the Friends' meeting held at Colby College, present. The Queries were read followed by the naming of delegates to the coming Quarterly Meeting at So China - Ralph & Elizabeth Nash, Malona Rollins and [illegible] [illegible]. The marriage of Richard Murray and Marian Cates was presented to the meeting and considered. Malona Rollins and Mae Cates were named to be present at the wedding and report to the next Monthly Meeting. Aug 2, Monthly Meeting date was to be church vacation. George & Annabel Cates & Esther Reed re asked to revise church cons. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Madeline Cates Wednesday evening Aug 12 1953. The devotional period was led by Ernest Reed. Esther read portions of the second and third chapters of Revelations The message was "enthusiasm in religion". This was followed by prayer by Ernest Reed. The revised list of committees of the church was read It was suggested having printed lists for each member It was also suggested having heads of the different committees taking part in the morning service. Letters were read from the Princeton reservation camp and concerning from the Poughkeepsie conference which would take place Sept 8, 9, 10. Ernest Reed presented bills from Mr. Cooper & Herman Masse, labor & material for the septic tank at Friend's House. The question of changing the Monthly Meeting date was discussed. The proceeds of the last supper and sale netted 166.98.

Announcements

Sarah Robinson Gifford died Aug. 3, 1953 the daughter of Albert and Emma Robinson. She was born in Vassalboro Apr. 7, 1873. She is survived by 2 sons, Robert & Fred and a daughter Mrs. Mabel Fogg, all of Fairfield Me

Arthur Pope died Aug. 19

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the

VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING

PRESENTS

UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM

Saturday, Oct. 3rd, North Fairfield Friend's Meetinghouse
10:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

10:00 Professor Paul Fullam United Nations and explanation of the organization.

11:00 Meeting for Worship

Lunch: Each family bring one large casserole, salad, dessert (cake or cookies) and sandwiches. All food will be served buffet style. Beverage will be provided.

1:00 Discussion Groups

Leaders:

Jane Birg, Chairman of International Relations of American Association of University Women.

George Bliss, Secretary of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee.

Milton Hadley, Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting.

Reverand Donald McMillan, Pastor of Waterville Unitarian-Universalist Church; Chairman of the Waterville United Nations Committee.

Professor Burshneider, Professor at Colby College.

2:15 Panel

Moderator: Professor Burshneider; Members of the panel will be the discussion leaders.

Guests in addition to those listed have been invited from Nizeria, Argentina, China, Japan, Greece, Vietnam, and Switzerland.

Literature Table

A SUMMARY OF THE 1953 WORKCAMP AT FRIENDS CHINA CAMP

Two Weeks Of Real Camping. Directed by Martin & Anne Vesenka, camp opened Aug. 8th, closed the 24th. Campers were present the first and third weeks. Included as full time campers: Anne Cool, Janice Smith (both of R. I.) Marcia Dougdale, Marcia & Russell Cornell (Mass.) Eddie Waterhouse (N. H.) Sherman Hill, David & Dennis White, Stella & Esther Weed (Me.) Others at camp one or more nights: Jennesses (N. H.) Carl Smith, Betty Penoch, Carolyn Jones & Spencers of New Bedford. Much help with many gifts from South China and East Vassalboro people--especially help from Evelyn Jones and Ralph Austin.

The Work. Clearing & cleaning the Meeting House, making & putting up the screens and new back steps; moving furniture, making double bunks, installing big sink, fixing drain, building the outside toilet, clearing the big yard and pine grove, measuring, staking off and clearing the boundaries of the acre of ground purchased. Also work on the fence of the old Dirigo cemetery. There was plenty of work!

Recreation. Part of each afternoon was given to games and swimming. One day the Skowhegan Fair was visited; visits were made many places.

Meditation and Discussion. The report states: "Everyone liked morning meditation and felt it added a great deal to the day. It was generally a period of quiet. . Occasionally discussion of passages concerning Friends and Friends testimonies were read. These were found helpful to many as one had something to think about and did not spend the silence daydreaming.""We had discussions on pacifism, race relations and silent worship."

Open Houses. Two of these were held with 60 or more attending them. One was a wienie and corn roast; the other an evening of singing, other entertainment and Martin's slides on Mexican workcamps, refreshments.

Finances. Individuals and about half of our meetings gave some $450 to carry on this summer's camp. In "round" figures expenses were: honorarium to Vesenkas, $100; their travel, 50; supplement for food, etc. 50 (each camper paid only $5 for the week--next year it may be 8 or 10 with assistance for those who need it); to Mr. Esancy for acre of land 125; miscellaneous, 35 (including equipment & Material for 5 or 6 blankets): and balance in treasurer's hands (Myron Jenness), 90. We appreciate the many, many gifts of money and necessary equipment.

Suggestions, Recommendations from the Campers, Camp Leaders.

1. That camp begin earlier next summer & permit campers to remain more than one week. (They wanted to stay on this summer)
2. That it continue as a work camp. There seems to be a spirit develop in workcamping which is not found in others. Also "practicing Christian ideals is more meaningful that preaching them to young people."
3. To be of most value, camp should be small, probably with mixed ages ranging from ten to eighteen or nineteen.
4. That the schedule be much the same as this year; with morning meditation and probably discussion part of the evenings.
5. That "Open House or Community Night" be held each week.
6. Suggested work: assist neighbor (across from meeting house) build a road to his beach in exchange for the privilege of using it; dig good well, install water, fix drainage.

If you have suggestions, inquiries or donations, contact any of the Camp Committee: Russell D. Brooks, 126 Smithfield Rd., Woonsocket, R. I., George Cates, East Vassalboro, Me. Marcia Cornell, RFD 4, New Bedford, Mass. Myron I. Jenness (Treas), Route 3, Dover, N. H. Evelyn Jones, S. China, Maine and Milton Hadley, Rte, 3, Freeport, Maine. Or Martin & Anne Vesenka, 4 Library St., Allenstown, N. H.

Robbins' Nov 8 .

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet Sunday evening Nov. 8 if the Lord permit

[illegible] Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Ralph + Celia Kent Nov 8, 1953.

The devotions were led by Ernest Read. The worship period centered on Prayer. Grace Cates read an interesting article about calculated risks of prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The delegates to our last Quarterly meeting numbered one. A letter from Milton Hadley was read concerning a donation to the Five Years Meeting for the new office building. It was suggested to have the treasurer send ten dollars and tell of our financial condition. Circulars concerning the Five Years Meeting were distributed. An interesting travelogue from [illegible] from Grace [illegible] was read telling of her trip through New England the past summer.

Another four books are now available. The first, second and third choices are, 1st Faith for tough times by Fosdick 2nd John Greenleaf Whittier, Friend of Man, 3rd Mahatma Gandhi by E. Stanley Jones. These books are for a lending library of the Quarterly Meeting.

The property committee reports that a portion of the church fence was repaired and painted. Dinner was served at noon by the ladies. The question of the day of Monthly Meeting was presented, to have it either Saturday as usual or Sunday. All were in favor of the present Sunday meet.

No further business demanding our attention, we concluded proposing to meet again on Sunday Dec. 13 if the Lord permits.

Ernest Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Friends Church Dec. 13. 1953

Devotions were led by Ernest Weed with a reading from the 119th Psalm by Effie Cates.

A letter from AFSC requesting funds was discussed and it was suggested that individual Friends could donate as they wished.

It was decided to have a mitten tree during January for AFSC.

Committee appointed to write the roll-call letter were Lilian Haslem, Herbert Cates and Millicent Taylor. The first Sunday in March is to be the date of the annual roll-call meeting.

Janitors for the church for the winter were as follows: Ernest Weed-December, Maurice Robbins, January, Geo. Cates, February, Dr. Cates-March.

Effie Cates was left in charge of the Christmas candy-bags, & Stella Weed in charge of presents.

Putting in a register for heating the dining room for S. S. classes was discussed. It was left with the building committee to contact Roy Grindle to do what is necessary.

The meeting approved hauling gravel to improve the driveway.

George Cates & Ernest Weed reported on the committee meetings they attended at Cambridge 11-30-53. The Yearly Meeting Finance Committee hopes local meetings will send quotas monthly if possible.

It was decided to have Cecil Hinshaw, who is traveling for the Peace & Social Concerns Committee the 4th Sunday in March.

There being no further business meeting concluded purposing to meet in 1st mo.

Geo. Cates Clerk Temp.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Friends' Church Sunday afternoon Jan 10, 1954. Ernest Reed led devotions with Effie Cates reading the third chapter of James. George Cates read from The Discipline (Faith & Practice) sections concerning discipline and truth. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Delegates for the coming Quarterly meeting Feb 6-7 were named Ralph & Celia Hunt, Madeline Cates and Doris Clowes. The committee to arrange the Quarterly Meeting dinner were Mae Cates, Lillian Harlan, Maud Weymouth. The Treasurer, Malvena Robbins reported that we still owe $1700. on Friends' House. A house warming for Gerald and Maxine Robbins was discussed. This will be left to the Social Com. As Milton Hadley will not be able to come to Q. M. George Cates was asked to contact Friends' Center at Cambridge for a speaker. If unable to do so possibly William Bryan at Colby or some other Waterville speaker. It was announced that Cecil Hinshaw will speak for us the last Sunday evening in March. Ralph Hunt has a concern that arrangements should be made for Ernest Reed to broadcast over the radio in certain programs. Esther is asked to make inquiries. Ernest Reed advises having the wiring improved at Friends' house. It is left with him to get what he needs as soon as possible and present bill. Esther Reed has A.F.S.C. yarn and cloth which she would like to distribute so to have articles finished for Yearly Meeting.

Sign for the meeting house again discussed. It had been suggested to ask Harlan Clowes to do this for us.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again on the 2nd Sunday in February if the Lord permit.

Annah E. Cates, Clerk —

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins Sunday evening Feb 14, 1954.
Devotions were led by Ernest Wood. George Cates read interesting words on Beliefs, from the Discipline of No Carolina. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The delegates to the last Quarterly Meeting were present with the exception of three. The speaker was Rev Donald Mc Millan, pastor of the Unitarian, Universalist churches in Waterville. A register has been installed in the church Sunday school room at a cost of $51.31. The Yearly Roll call letter which was written by Herbert Cates Lillian Haslam and Mildred Taylor was read by Malvina Robbins. These were copied by Benjamin Cates Jr. Roll Call will be observed on Mar 7 with a carry in dinner at noon. An invitation to attend the New England Friends meeting at Cambridge Feb 22, 1954 was read. Errol Elliot and Seal Thompson is expected to be present. The coming Speaking Contest on Public Morals was discussed. It is wished that all that are able will take part. It was decided to pay the $300 note to Max Cates if possible. If not pay $200.
The growth of the Sunday School was discussed and how to build it up.
No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again on the 2nd Sunday in March if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates - Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Ralph & Celia Kent March 17, 1957. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed. Malvena Robbins read from the Discipline of No Carolina, Sacraments and Ideals of Worship. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. We prefer the date of May 5th for the visit of young Friends to our meeting, they may present their concern at 11 A.M. We would be glad to have them remain with us through the evening Monthly Mtg. We believe our meeting can provide four young Friends who could visit meetings in 2 autos. Ernest Weed may be contacted about this intervisitation in behalf of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. A report from the Treasurer states that the Friendly Circle agreed to pay three hundred to Mae Cates due on her demand note. Also that Roy Grindle has been paid $100. for plumbing and $40. has been sent to Missions. All agreed on a Combination Easter breakfast with the Methodist church; at the Grange hall preceded by a sunrise service having our morning service at the usual time. Doris Clowes, Malvena Robbins and Annabel Cates were named as a committee to help with this breakfast. The spiritual condition of the meeting ~~was~~ is to be reported by George Cates. Ernest & Esther Weed bring the good news that Madeline Cates is improving in health. Different letters were read and discussed. Cecil Hinshaw from Iowa will speak on the Price of Peace on the evening of March 28. All surrounding meetings are invited. Ernest Weed suggests there is a shortage of Sunday School teachers and asks for volunteers.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again on the 2nd Sunday in April if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met with Annabel Cates April 11, 1954. Before the meeting all enjoyed a Carry-in supper together. Devotions were led by Ernest Reed. Malvena Robbins read inspiring words from the No. Carolina Discipline: "The Friends' faith is in the Holy Spirit which inspires scriptures" "in keeping the scriptures there is great reward". This was followed by prayer by Ernest Reed. Letters were read, one from Friends [illegible] Academy asking for funds and inviting us to a conference in the coming summer. Also a letter asking for funds for the general equalization Fund of the Yearly Meeting. It was agreed to send $5.00 for this purpose. The treasurer, Malvena Robbins reported she had sent $2.00 to the Friends World Committee. She also reported that of the $473.35 due to the Budget that $275.— has been paid. Bills for electrical supplies for Friends House amounting to $20.00 were presented. On learning of a leakage in Friends House, Ernest Reed has been asked to get what is needed to mend this. Maurice Robbins suggests that the Cemetery fence has not been all painted. We aim to complete this before Memorial Day. Milton Hadley writes about visitation day. He suggests that he with a carload of young Friends exchange services with Ernest Reed with a carload of our young Friends. This is satisfactory to all. We agree to have a sign painted by Harland Clowe for the meeting house. The wording will be Friends Meeting - Welcome. Time of Meeting & Sunday School. A conference of Quaker Men & Women was mentioned: this takes place at Whittier College, Cali. May 5-10. Also sessions of Five years Meeting Conference begin Apr. 19. A number of names were mentioned as prospective members. We appointed Ernest Reed to investigate those mentioned. Delegates to Quarterly Meeting at Winthrop, Malvena Robbins, Ralph Hunt, Celia Hunt, Ernest Reed. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again the 2nd Sunday in May if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Doctor Samuel + Mae Cates, May 9, 1954. All enjoyed a carry-in supper at 7.30 oclock. The time of devotion was led by Milton Hadley who presented to us facts in Friend's History and a sketch of our Friends organization. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following names were presented for membership to the meeting, Coraline Cates, Maxine Robbins and Loretta Robbins as active members; Peter and Stephen Cates, Stephen Robbins, and Cynthia David and Michael Robbins as associate members. All approved. The Vacation Bible school was discussed. Myrtale Austin So. China suggested at Q. M. that Margaret Cates and Evelyn Jones serve as heads for So. China + E. Vassalboro, having one week in each place and the time left with the leaders. Maurice Robbins suggests the date May 22 for painting the church fence and dinner is to be served by ladies. Ernest Hood suggests that a special collection be taken for the purpose of sending some of our young folks to Quarterly Meeting. Another suggestion was for a special collection for the Pond Meeting House project. This was to be taken on Sunday at church. Malcolm Robbins reported that the equalization fund has been paid and only $100 remaining to be paid on the Budget fund. It has been reported that Friend's House has for some time been settling at the center. It was decided to leave this with the property committee. A report from the Winthrop Q. M. states that all our delegates were present save two. Pamphlets on the 1954 Season of the Friends' China camp were distributed. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again the second Sunday in June if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Madeline Cates on the evening of June 13, 1954. All enjoyed a carry-in supper at 7.30, who read a few verses from Paul's letter to the Hebrews and spoke of our spiritual life and developments in comparison to nature. He also read from the testament of Devotion by Thos. Kelly! It was requested that a collection be taken soon for the Pond Meeting House Camp. The treasurer Malvena Robbins reports that the combined budget has been paid in full. The property committee reports that the Cemetery fence has been more than half painted and the paint paid for. Those contributing toward the paint were Josephine Priest, Gerald Robbins Mattie Cates and Archie Plummer. A card has been received from the Register of Probate telling of the remembrance to us in Ida Taylor Hercom's will Care of Cemetery lot $30-. Donation to church $20-. The Daily vacation Bible school is to be left with Margaret Cates & Helen Hamlin also Evelyn Jones of So. China. A fund has been suggested to help a few young people to go to Yearly meeting. Celia Kent is asked to investigate how many wish to go. It has been decided to have church vacation on Yearly Meeting Sunday, June 27. George & Millie Webber have given a large amount of wood to the Church friend's home & the clerk has been asked to write a note of appreciation to them. A dedication service for our Friend's children will be held at the church, July eleventh. Ernest Reed tells of religious programs that are given on the radio free of charge. We ask Ernest Reed to investigate this more fully. Possibly he and Paul Cates could write an interesting and historical program. The property committee is asked to investigate the cellar of Friends Home which needs a cement floor. Ralph Kent reports the gravel for church driveway will be delivered soon. No further business demanding our attention we conclude to meet again the 2nd Sunday in August if the Lord in evening permit.

Amabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam and Elizabeth Towle Sunday evening July 11. It was well attended. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed, who spoke on a chapter of Emmet Fox's book which dwelt with the 17th Chapter of Acts, "Every Problem has its solution". This was followed by a prayer poem. Margaret Cates read a beautiful selection by Elizabeth Gray Vining, "My world was wrecked once". The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The delegates to the coming Quarterly Meeting at So China were named ~~Madeline C~~ Annie Gupthill, Ernest Weed & Annabel Cates. The report of the Yearly Meeting Budget for the coming year was read. Maurice Robbins Ernest Weed and Lawrence Haslam volunteered their services in mowing the church lawn. Thanks were given by Ralph Kent for gifts received from members of the meeting during his recent illness. A letter from the Service Committee was read in regard to the clothing needs. Quarterly Meeting Sunday, Aug. 8th was chosen for our second day of church vacation. It was reported that eleven dollars has been contributed for the Pond Meeting House Camp. It is wished if there are any high school youth who wish to attend this Camp and are unable to do so for financial reasons to report to Monthly Meeting for aid. Those heading the Vacation Bible school ask for helpers. Leaders and helpers are Evelyn Jones So China, Margaret Cates & Helen Hamlin, Vassalboro Myrtle Austin, Miss Bull So China Malvina Robbins, Marjory Rowe, Stella Weed, Vassalboro. New hymn books were discussed. Madeline Cates suggested that members give books in memory of departed ones. A committee of four was named to select and order these books, Madeline Cates, Ernest Weed, Coraline Cates & Effie Cates. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again the 2nd Sunday in August if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Ralph & Celia Reed Sunday evening Aug 8, 1954. Devotions were led by Ernest Reed who distributed Yearly Meeting Epistles to be read. Paul Cates read some of London Yearly Meeting while George Cates read of the 204th session of No. Carolina Y. M. This was followed by meditation & prayer.

Ernest Reed presents a concern about the growth of the Sunday School. It has been suggested a meeting of the Sunday School officers in the near future for the purpose of naming active officers and teachers. All approve of putting the donation from Ida Taylor Hersom ($20) in the bank for the time being.

A number of hymn books were examined by those present - for new hymn books for church services. It has been suggested that a number of hymnals could be given in commemoration of departed ones.

The mowing of the church lawn was done by Marvin Robbins during the month of July & part of August. Lawrence Haslam has done the work in August.

The coming conference of N. Y. Yearly Meeting & New England Yearly Mtg at Moses Brown School Providence was discussed. It was suggested that Ernest Reed be a delegate.

Ernest Reed will have to be away Labor day week end and suggests that we get a substitute for that Sunday.

The Meeting was closed with a beautiful poem read by Ernest Reed and written by a former college friend.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again the second Sunday in September if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Annabel Cates Sunday evening Sept 12 1954. Ernest Weed led devotions. He read a message from Micah, one of the prophets, and stressed Micah's concern for the welfare of his people. Records of last meeting were read & approved. Madeline Cates expressed a concern about Ministry & Oversight. A committee of three was named to revise the Church committees namely, Madeline Cates, George Cates and Doris Cleaves. All approve of sending Ernest Weed as a delegate to the conference at Moses Brown School 14-16. A letter was read from the Quaker Men's Service Indiana concerning absent members from different meetings. The clerk is instructed to send in names of absentee members to this organization. Ralph and Celia Kent, Melvina Robbins and Madeline Cates are named as delegates to the next Quarterly Meeting at No. Fairfield October 2. It has been suggested that another load of gravel is needed for the church drive way. Ralph Kent is asked to attend to this. The new Hymnal for church services has been selected by the committee. A number have already contributed toward these. The church sign has been finished and placed at the front of the church. We deeply appreciate the beautiful work done by Helen Hawkins.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again the second Sunday in October if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Madeline Cates Sunday evening Oct 10, '54. Devotions were led by Ernest Reed. A message by Elton Trueblood concerning future Quaker life was read by Benjamin Cates. The first two Queries were read by Ernest Reed and answered. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. A letter from Milton Hadley concerning a gift to the five years meeting fund was read. Owing to our present financial condition we are not able to send any thing at present. It has been suggested that a note should be written Milton Hadley to that effect. The clerk was named reporter to send interesting news items to Milton Hadley for the New England Friends news letter. The cellar of the Friends House is being repaired. A cement floor is being laid, one side being completed. A number offer their help. A Christmas concert with the Methodist is suggested. We give Esther authority to plan for this. The new hymn books are nearly paid for. Any donations will be appreciated. The Friendly Circle will loan money for present. All delegates were present at the Union meeting at No. Fairfield with the exception of one. A very interesting meeting was reported with speakers George Bliss, Christopher Nicholson, Peter Gorits and George Cates. Ernest Reed was chairman. Albert Smith sang a solo on the his 91st birthday. The Roll Call committee was headed by Ernest Reed with Alice & Ralph Nash & Madeline Cates. Ernest Reed has invited those who wish to attend the conference at Windham to ride with them. Virginia Towle of the No Fairfield meeting has colored slides of Early Quakerism. If possible we plan to have her show these here this coming week. Delegates to the coming quarterly meeting at Oak Grove would be Ernest Reed, Annie Gifford & Alice Nash. No further business demanding our attention we conclude hoping to meet next month at the usual time of the first meeting.

Quarterly Meeting Nov. 15. At 10.30 a group met at the East Vassalboro meeting house where an interesting discussion was led by Virginia Towle ~~Milton Hadley~~. Lunch at noon. At one-thirty o'clock they convened at Oak Grove where Milton Hadley & Walter Jones were speakers. Next year the Oak Grove Q.M. will be held Sunday instead of Saturday.

Sun. P.M. Nov 17. Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house. A "carry in" dinner was enjoyed by all after which followed the meeting. Ernest Reed led devotions, reading part of the sermon on the Mount followed by silent prayer. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. We will greatly miss our friend Madeline Cates who has sold her place and is leaving the village. She has asked to be released from a committee. Lillian Hanlon has been named to serve on the committee to revise the monthly meeting committees and Annabel Cates on the committee to write the roll call letter. The roll call meeting has been named the third Sunday in January. The letter should be sent soon after Christmas. As Madeline Cates is leaving in two weeks it has been suggested that a social evening be given in her honor. The social committee with Mrs Cates as chairman will have charge of this and Malvina Robbins is named to take the place of one of the absent members. A list of absent members was named to send to the Quaker Men of Richmond Indiana, who will try to have them contacted by some nearby Friends' meeting. A letter from Russell Johnson of the Peace & Social Concerns committee of the yearly meeting was read. All approved having him visit at our next monthly meeting in Dec. with a carry in dinner at noon. Ernest Reed asked for leave of absence on Sunday Nov. 24 to speak at [illegible] & he has offered to provide a substitute speaker. The basement floor at Friends' home is now finished and paid for with new water pipes & some elbows for furnace. Also a gutter has been placed over the front door. The assistant clerk has been asked to announce all important church notices either by card or telephone. It would be well to have some committee reports at our next monthly meeting especially music com. The Sunday School has an attendance contest. Bibles & other gifts are given to winners. The clerk is asked to send for six copies of Faith & Practice, 3 paper bound & 3 cloth. Kenneth Webb of Woodstock Vermont showed the picture [illegible] to the group Sunday evening. This was followed by discussion. Ernest Reed, George Cates & Donald Cates were named to choose books from the Friends book list to add to the S.S. library. No further business demanding our attention we concluded purposing to meet at the usual time next month if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held a called meeting at the meeting house Sunday November 28.
Letters have come from the Fellowship on Reconciliation and the No. Fairfield meeting, concerning the starving people of China, asking us to act now. We have been advised to send letters to the President or Sec. of State Dulles, asking that some of our surplus food be sent to these people who are in dire need. Some of the members have offered to write letters to see if something cannot be done. The clerk is asked to write one in behalf of this meeting. We were pleased to have with us at the morning service, Herbert Bowes of Honolulu. The clerk is requested to send greetings to the Monthly Meeting of Honolulu, by him. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam & Elizabeth Towle December 14, 1954. Devotions were led by Ernest Ward. Benj. Cates read the 14 Chap of John which explains Christ's relation with God. Records of the last meeting were read & approved. A letter was read concerning another date for a meeting with Russell Johnson. Helpful letters from Virginia Towle were read concerning absentee members and the famine in China. We were pleased to hear good news from Mrs. Guptill concerning her operation. Also letters were read from the Friends' committee on National Legislation and from Alexander Purdy, chairman of Friends World Com-. Janitors for the new year are named - January Maurice Robbins, February Benjamin Cates, March Herbert Cates. We approved of having the suggested re-wiring done at the church with Mr. Lane doing the work. Malvina Robbins, Treasurer reports that all bills are paid and that $47 has been paid on the Budget. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Ralph & Celia Kent Jan 9 Before the regular meeting a delicious carry in dinner was enjoyed by those present. Devotions were led by Ernest Reed who read an article which dealt with reality in religion. This was followed by prayer. Records of last meeting was read & approved. An interesting years financial report of Friends house and the church was given by the treasurer Malvina Robbins. Thanks was extended by all to the treasurer for her faithful service to the church. Letters were read by the assistant clerk Benjamin Cates including one from the Peace & Social Concerns committee of the yearly meeting. This was from Anne Branche who heads a contest of the Elementary & High School groups of the monthly meeting. The subject this year will be on Prejudice. A committee of three was chosen to help with this Ernest Reed, Marian Murray & George Cates. It is suggested that ,, write for particulars + materials

Malvina & Maurice Robbins presented a report on the spiritual condition of the meeting. Another letter read was from the Friends Committee on National Legislation about military conscription and asking for funds. A voluntary contribution yielded $7.00.

The Quarterly Meeting representatives chosen for the February meeting were Malvina Robbins, Mae Cates and Edna Cates. The Junior committee consisted of Esther Reed, Doris Clowes and Annabel Cates. George Cates is asked to contact Russell Johnson about speaking to us on that date. It is with deep regret that we speak of the passing of our dear friend Jennie Marden who died suddenly at the home of her daughter Florence [illegible] at Swampscott Mass Jan 5 1952. She leaves two daughters Florence & Helen, besides two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. It is suggested that we send a note of sympathy to the bereaved ones. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates Clerk

Benjamin Cates ass. Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held Sunday evening Feb. 13, 1950 at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins. A carry-in supper was enjoyed. Devotions were led by Ernest Reed, who dealt with parables concerning the Kingdom of God; followed with prayer. Three Letters were read by George Cates. One concerning the statistical report of the members of the meeting. Ernest Reed & Maurice Robbins were named a committee to inquire about inactive members. Another letter was read from Samuel Marble Wilmington College Ohio, asking for names of young people of college age. The names of Connie Nelson & Ann Cates were suggested. An answer to the letter written to John Foster Dulles concerning the distress and famine in China, was read. A letter from Louis Marstaller, announcing a speaker of the Missionary Conference and inviting all to be present Feb 22. A letter concerning Universal Military training from Friends Committee on National Legislation. The treasurer reported that $7.00 has been sent to this committee. A member of many years standing, Ralph Towle, passed away Friday, Feb 11. Celia Hunt has been asked to see that flowers are sent to the funeral. Celia is also asked that a gift (Kennebec Yesterdays) be sent to George Webber on his birthday Feb 15. It has been suggested that cards be sent to Barbara Miller at the [illegible] hospital. The treasurer reports that the budget lacks only $40 of being paid. A discussion was held about increasing the insurance on the church $2000 more through the Grange. This is left with the property committee.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Joyce Reed and Walter Rowe married Feb 26, 1955.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held Sunday evening March 13, 1955 at Friends house, the home of Ernest and Esther Reed. Devotions were led by Ernest Reed who read the beautiful words by Thomas Kelly in the closing paragraphs of his Testament of Devotion. This was followed by silent prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The property committee recommended the increase of $6000 on insurance of church property. The following letters were read by Benj. Cates assistant clerk. Millicent Webber sends a letter of appreciation for the gift of "Kennebec Yesterdays" to George. We deeply regret the passing of George E. Webber, a life time member of this meeting. He died March 7, 1955 at the home of his daughter, Mrs Lloyd Leavitt, Malden Mass. He is survived by his widow Millicent two daughters, Mrs Priscilla Leavitt, & Mrs. Horace Smith of St Johnsbury Vermont, one son Sgt. Daniel E. Webber of Seneca Falls, New York and two brothers, John & Benj. Webber & a sister Miss Maud Webber of E. Bridgewater Mass & seven grandchildren. Ralph Hunt gave a very clear report of the funeral saying that his family deeply appreciated the group of Friends which went from this meeting. The meeting wishes to thank Esther Reed for her kindness in driving the group to Mass. A letter was read from Fred Pope with a check for the budget in answer to an explanatory letter. The treas. reports our Y.M. quotas all paid Sept 20. A letter was read from Peace & Social Concerns Com. of Y.M. concerning people of draft age. Larry Tetreault & Carleton Cates were mentioned in this group. The meeting expressed pleasure with the gift of a black board from the Hathaway Shirt Co. and will provide easel & hinges. As Easter will soon be here it is suggested that Easter music begin immediately. Ernest Reed is asked to send for folders. As this is a historic Quaker Community Ernest Reed suggests that an ad be put in the American Friend to influence young Friends here to buy homes. A deep concern was expressed by E. R. for the Sunday School suggesting a conveyance for outside pupils.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. [illegible] Cates Clerk

Esther Weed and Maurice Farrar married Mar 27, 1956

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held Sunday evening, April 17, 1955 at the home of Benjamin and Edna Cates. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed, reading from the eighth chapter of Romans and stressing the importance of Christianity in our lives. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Correspondence was read by George Cates, and included letters from the Wider Quaker Fellowship, pamphlets from the Five Years Meeting of Friends, a booklet concerning conscription from the American Friends Service Committee, and other letters concerned with starvation conditions in other countries and world politics. Malvena Robbins reported that our share of the combined budget is completely paid. Quarterly Meeting representatives appointed were: Annie Gufstil, Ernest Weed, Malvena Robbins and Annabel Cates.

Young people entering the Yearly Meeting speaking contest will speak at the church on May , and again at the coming Quarterly Meeting. George Cates reported that the hurricane damaged elm has been cut down and is ready for removal. Ernest Weed reported that the wood shed is in need of repairs. This was left with the property committee. The remains of the horse shed also need cleaning up. Ernest Weed inquired about the possibility of the church buying a gallon of paint for Friends House. The members approved and left it to Ernest to obtain the paint. Ernest Weed also reported that several inactive members had been written to about the status of their membership. It was felt that unless correspondence was received from Charles Huntington, Marian Pope, and Proctor and Joanna Lippincott, that their membership should be discontinued. Malvena Robbins was appointed to write to Urshel Anderson in regard to the status of his membership.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Asst. Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held Sunday evening May 15, 1955 at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins. At seven oclock a delicious "curry in" supper was served and enjoyed by all. An hour later the meeting was held. Devotions were led by Ernest Reed, who read a great message about this atomic age by Hermann Hagedorn. He stressed that there is one thing greater than the atom - the human soul. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The correspondence was read by Benj. Cates, asst. Clerk. The 1954 Statistical membership report was read. The Avon Institute was discussed. It was decided to send Ernest Reed for the week, with bills paid. 12-19. The church lawn is in need of mowing. Esther Reed is asked to see if a rotary mower could be obtained. The painting of the church fence is to be left to individuals. A letter was read concerning having printed pictures of the church on plates. This idea is to be passed on to the Friendly Circle. Ernest Reed reports that things are more encouraging at the Bible school. Two more teachers have been procured for the kindergarten class and a number more children of that age. It was decided that a daily vacation Bible school is quite necessary for a community. A committee in charge of this was named Ernest Reed, Marian Murray, Mrs. Guptill, Edna Cates. The time suggested is the first of July. Edna Cates is asked to contact members of the Methodist church about the matter. The place is left with the committee to decide. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time, if the Lord permit -

Russell Cates, Clerk -

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday evening, June 12th 1955 at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Harlan and Elizabeth Towle. Devotions were led by Malona Robbins, who read Gleanings from the Friends' Advocate by C. Carter followed by silent prayer. Minutes of the last meeting read & approved. Letters were read by Benj. Cates asst. clerk. One was read from Proctor Lippincott requesting a transfer to the Moorestown meeting. Russell Brooks wrote about the Central Office building at Richmond describing it in detail. Russell Johnson told of the Annual Pacifist Family Institute, inviting everyone to attend. The mowing of the church lawn has been left to Ralph Reed, Maurice Robbins, Lawrence Harlan, George Cates and Ernest Reed. Daily vacation Bible school begins on July 5. The church has already contributed $12.90 for supplies. It has been suggested that perhaps we can get Margaret Cates to help transport the children. June 26, Yearly Meeting Sunday has been chosen as the first Sunday of the church vacation, the second one to be named later. The Monthly Meeting now has the deed recorded from the Priest estate. One lot is already paid for by Lela Robinson the proceeds of which is to be put into the general fund. An electric rotary lawn mower has been bought for mowing the church lawn. A contribution of $10.00 has been sent to the Yearly Meeting fund Equalization fund. There was unanimous approval of asking Ernest & Esther to be with us another year. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

$22.97

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday evening July 10 1955 at the Cates cottage on the shore of China Lake. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed, who introduced "The Quaker's Faith by Rufus Jones. This explained the origin of Quakerism. Malvena Robbins read the introduction also "A Religion of Life". A letter from the Five Years Meeting was read. Our treasurer was asked to send $1.10 towards the building fund at Richmond. A letter from Milton Hadley suggests that a special collection be taken at the church for the 'Pond Camp.' The Quarterly meeting representatives are named Ernest Weed Doris Clowes, Margaret Cates, Ralph & Celia Hunt. The painting of the cemetery fence is to be left for the time being. There is a deed to be made out for a cemetery lot. It has been suggested that boundaries be taken. This is to be left with Herbert Cates and Ernest Weed. Florence Pettengill has generously given funds for making out the cemetery deed from the Priest estate. Ernest Weed reported the expense of the Avon conference. The program for Quarterly Meeting on Saturday morning at So China is a discussion on Spiritual experience. Philip Jacob, [illegible] and Ed Palmer from Rome are expected to take part. At the close of the meeting Ernest Weed entertained those present with recordings from the Avon institute. Especially interesting were the ~~speeches~~ messages of Milton Mayer, Levi Pennington and Cecil Hinshaw.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends met at the meeting house Sunday evening Aug 14, 1950. Ernest Reed led devotions. Margaret Cates read the third paragraph of the "Quakers Faith" by Rufus Jones entitl God a living presence. Ernest Reed introduced an article by Kirby Page who discussed Creative force through Christ and Creative force through individuals. Paul Cates read the prayer of Committment, followed by silent prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. We are pleased to note that the campers from the Pond Camp helped us in various community projects - cleaning church, painting the cemetery fence, haying etc. Our collection for this camp amounted to $13.00. All representatives to the Quarterly meeting at So China were present. Letters were read by asst. Clerk, Benj. Cates. Millicent Webber has generously cancelled two $10 notes which she held against Friends house. The clerk is asked to send a note of thanks. Another note of $10 has been cancelled. A letter was read from Poughkeepsie telling of joint workers conference of N.Y. and New England yearly meeting. A letter read from board of Missions concerning the African situation. Ba have been supplied by Milton Hadley for each famil to fill for this cause by Xmas. A message letter from Oakwood School telling of a conference Sept 7-8-9. It has been suggested that whoever mows the lawn should do the janitor work at the church. We have decided that the second hand electric lawn mower that we purchased should not be loane Lawrence Harlan, Maurice Robbins, Ralph Ken Ernest Reed and George Cates are named to mow lawn. All agreed to have second vacation Sunday Sept 4. Vacation Bible school expenses were very little. After contributions were given only .50 was needed for our expenses. The Clerk is asked to write Helen Hamlin a note of appreciation for her good work there. The treasurer reports $100 paid on the Yearly Meeting Budget. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Cates Clerk.

Paul Sekiya of Japan (Tokyo) gave us an evening at the church speaking of Japan peace issues & showed slides.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Ralph & Celia Hunt Sept 11, 55. Ernest Reed led devotions. Malvena Robbins read the chapter from "The Quaker Faith" by Rufus Jones, entitled "God at work in his world". George Cates read the 5th chapter of Matt. followed by prayer by Ernest Reed. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. George Cates read the following letters. One from Ernest Lamb of the 5-yrs meeting asking for more funds for the new office building at Richmond Indiana. It was decided to send 2/o – The treasurer, Malvena Robbins, suggested paying a note of painting Friends House. It was decided if the Friendly Circle approves to paint the house as it is needed badly. Plans are left with the building committee Ralph Hunt, Maurice Robbins, Ernest Reed and Herbert Cates. The name of George Cates was added to this committee. A cemetery committee was named; Laurence Haslam, Ernest Reed and Herbert Cates. Dorothy Pitman a missionary from the African Mission at Kenya Africa is expected with her sister Thurs. Sept 22. E. Raymond Wilson will speak at Oak St. Portland Sept 21. Representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Winthrop or No. Fairfield on Oct. 1. are Ernest Reed, Annabel Ca Malvena Robbins and Mrs. Gupstill. (all were present).

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held Sunday evening Oct. 9th at the home of Richard & Marian Murray. Ernest Weed led devotions with Malvina Robbins reading from the sixth chapter of Matthew. Chief emphasis of chapter was, humility. one of Jesus great teachings.

Minutes of last meeting were read.

Letter noting acceptance of Proctor Lippincott by Moorestown Friends Mtg was read.

A letter from Gertrude Smith urging attendance of clerks & elders at seminar Nov. 6 in Portland was read.

A letter from the Young Friends Committee of N. E. Y. M. was read - asking that a list of local young Friends be sent them. The clerk was asked to do this.

Representatives to the Quarterly Mtg. at Oak Grove as follows: Ralph Kent, Celia Kent, Esther Weed, Annabel Cates, Benj. Cates.

Reports were given by those attending the conference on the indian situation in Maine at North Fairfield.

Malvina Robbins reported on the meeting of the Sunday School Committee. There is need of a teacher for beginners class. E. Weed is teaching adult bible class and they are studying the bible. Mrs. Tuttle is treasurer for new year.

Ralph Kent reports an estimated cost of $250.-$300 to paint Friends House one coat. Was authorized to go ahead with project.

Geo. F. Cates
clerk, pro tem.

AFRICAN DELEGATE

Thomas Lung'aho

Attending the sessions of Five Years Meeting as a representaing, the largest Friends Yearly Meeting in the world, was Thomas Lung'aho, a product of the Friends Missionary effort in East Africa who was educated in the Friends mission school and now is a teacher in one of them, serving as principal of the Lirhanda Intermediate School at Kakamega, Kenya.

Thomas came to the United States some weeks ago and visited in several of the Yearly Meetings prior to the Five Years Meeting sessions.

NEW CLERKS—New clerks nam
to right, David Stanfield, North Ca
Sumner Mills, Western Yearly Mee
Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Recording
Yearly Meeting, Announcing Clerk.
who is the retiring Recording Clerk.

BERNARD WHITE NEW QUAKER MEN PRESIDENT

Bernard White, a business man of Decorah, Iowa, and a member of Iowa Yearly Meeting, is the new national president of Quaker Men. He succeeds L. Glenn Switzer of Pasadena, Calif., who

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday evening Nov. 13 at the home of Benj. & Edna Cates. At seven o'clock a delicious carry-in supper was served. At the meeting Ernest Reed led devotions reading selections from the 4th & 5th chapters of Ephesians. George Cates read an article by John Woolman from the Discipline. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. A letter from Eva Owen was read about the selection of two books which will be contributed by the Mosher fund. Edna Cates & Ernest Reed were named a committee of two to decide on these books. Benj. Cates read letters - one from Winslow Osborne about the committee on National Legislation. Each monthly meeting is asked to name a delegate - the meeting at Cambridge being Feb 10-11. Benj. Cates was named as representative of this meeting. Milton Hadley writes that Thomas Lung'aho, treasurer and a leader of East African Yearly Meeting will visit meetings in New England from the 13th to 27th of Nov and is expected to speak at So. China, Sunday evening Nov. 20 at 7 o'clock. Janitors have been named as follows, Nov. Maurice Robbins Dec, Ernest Reed, Jan. George Cates, Feb. Lee Cates, March Benj. Cates. Interesting reports of the conference held at Forest Ave. meeting house in Portland Sunday Nov. 6, were given - George Cates & Malvina Robbins reported on Finance, Ernest Reed on selection of a clerk and the responsibilities and Maurice Robbins on Ministry and Council. Many helpful suggestions were given. The clerk is asked to send for the new recording book and Celia Hunt is named recorder. Ernest Reed presented the 1809 N.E. book of discipline of Friends and Geo. Cates read two interesting items. The treasurer Malvina Robbins suggests each one pay their own quota of $5.00 between this date & May 15.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday evening Dec 11 1955 at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam and Elizabeth Toole. Ernest Reed led devotions with quiet meditation & prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. T. Mala Fund books have been selected by the committee and ordered. An interesting letter from Julia Brown was read, telling of a new meeting of Friends at Santa Barbara which she and Alice Whiting of the Winthrop meeting have started. She asked about her membership with us. On investigating we find she is a member of Oak Grove. The new record book was presented & discussed. It was passed on to the new recorder, Celia Keith. Benj. Cates Jr. Marian Murray, Lillian Haslam have been named to write the roll call letter, the date of the meeting being the 3rd Sunday in January. Ralph & Celia Keith have invited us to their home with a carry in supper for the next monthly meeting. Ernest Reed asked for suggestions for the growth of the church. It was suggested an invitation be extended to the members of the Center Baptist church to worship with us. This church has closed for the winter. Ernest Reed suggests evening meetings after the first of the year to study "Speak Truth to Power." A box for a needy family is planned for Christmas also the packing of the Service box after Christmas.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Mabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday evening January 8 906 at the home of Ralph & Celia Hunt. At seven o'clock a delicious waffle supper was participated in by those present. At the monthly meeting fourteen were present. Ernest Reed led devotions. He spoke of the religious books of Elton Trueblood & Rufus Jones. George Cates read the Essential Truth of Christianity by Rufus Jones followed by prayer by Ernest Reed. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The date of the roll call meeting was changed to Jan 22. The roll call letter written by Benj. Cates, Lillian Harlam and Marian Murray was read and approved. Benj. offered to print them & Lillian Harlam to send them. The delegates to Quarterly Meeting held here Sat. Feb. 4 were Ralph & Celia Hunt, Mrs. Tuftill, Annabel Cates. The dinner committee was chosen - Doris Clones, Inez Cates and Marian Murray. Benj. Cates read letters 1. A report from American Friends Service Com. tell of refugee problems in Germany & Austria. 2 From New England Y. Meeting nominating com. asking for members to work on committees in yearly Meeting. 3. Quaker Men from Richmond writing about social security or insurance for the pastor. This was left with Ernest Reed.

4. New England Y. M. of Friends concerning the budget. The treasurer reports over $200 already sent. $2.04 sent for African expansion. Ernest Reed asks for financial report. George Cates, as auditor reports finances about the same as in former years with all bills paid. Ernest suggests discussion meetings, perhaps 2 times a month beginning the coming Sunday night at Friend's House. For Quarterly Meeting dinner it was decided to have a carry in one, with visiting Friends furnishing dessert. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday evening at the home of Ralph & Celia Kent Feb 12, 1956. Ernest Reed led devotions with George Cates reading 22 verses of the 10th Chapter of 1st Corinthians follow by quiet meditation and prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A very satisfactory report of financial condition of the church and Friends house was given by Malvena Robbins tre Malvena suggests a raise in the pastor's salary if possible. It was decided to leave this until the next meeting. Benj. Cates, assistant clerk, read the letters received, one asking for the statistical report of the Monthly Meeting, & one about the spiritual condition of Monthly meeting to be forwarded to the next Quarterly Meeting. Ernest Reed has been asked to do this. A letter read from the Friends Council on Education. Another from Lincoln Sch. asking for funds for their new dormitory. It was decided to send the sum of $20. to them by Ernest Reed who will be there on Fathers Day Feb. 21st. A letter was read from Harold Chase on "Mexico" for the new year. Carlton Moore has asked for the church for services on some Sunday afternoon. It was decided to leave this matter for awhile until we have further information. A few new hymn books have been ordered.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit-

Annabel Cates, clerk -

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Maurice & Malona Robbins Sunday evening Mar 11, 1956. A delicious carry in supper was enjoyed at seven o'clock. Fourteen were present for the business session. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed. He spoke briefly in praise of the morning service which was led by the men of the meeting. After reading John 17, the prayer of Jesus before his crucifixion, he spoke of the division of the races and that "in Christ there is no barrier." Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The name of one of our absent members was brought to our minds. Lawrence Lathrop of Cumberland Ct. who is graduating from high school this year and wishes to attend Colby college. It has been suggested that Benj. Cates contact William Bryan Waterville who is director of admissions at Colby. An invitation was extended from the Methodist church to attend their Easter breakfast at the Grange Hall. However all agreed that an Easter baked Ham dinner at our church would be more satisfactory. Mae Cates, Esther Weed and Annabel Cates were named the dinner committee. Ernest Weed spoke of a conference of the Maine Meetings on Peace and social concerns to be held here April 8 from 2.30 P.M with afternoon and evening sessions. Jeanette A. Smith, chairman of the peace & social concerns committee and Robert Lyons from Washington will be present. Malvina Robbins, Celia Hunt & Doris Clowes was named the supper committee. All agreed to increase the minister's salary to $15. a week. Malvina Robbins reported $131.50 received from absent members at the roll call. The Yearly Meeting quota paid. Edna Cates is named correspondent to N. England news letter. Letters were read, from World committee asking for funds. $3.00 pay - Bryan Thomas memorial, Barnesville Ohio asking funds. Harold Chance with catalogue of short plays. Send for them. A number of suggestions were made for making money for church. Food basket, already in circulation by Friendly Circle. Selling religious or decorative cards - pass to Friendly C. Ernest Weed gave a report on the spiritual condition of the meeting. This will be passed on to next Quarterly M. A tribute of praise was given to our new recorder, Celia Hunt, who has done us all an excellent service with records. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Annabel Cates Sunday evening April 15, 1956 with 10 present. A waffle supper was enjoyed at 7.30 after which Ernest Reed played his recording of the Friends' visit to Russia. Devotions led by Ernest Reed with George Cates reading the 5th chapter of 1st Peter followed by silent prayer. The minutes read and approved. The statistical report was read & corrected. A commendable missionary report written by Mrs. Gupitll, chairman of this committee was read and approved. Letters were read from Friendly Crossways of High School Institutes; from Myron Jinness & Winslow Osborne about retirement insurance between meeting & pastor (Data given Ernest Reed); from A.F.S.C. telling of Avon Institute and prominent speakers June 15-17. Representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Winthrop are Ernest Reed, Malvena Robbins, Annabel Cates and Marian Murray. Candidates for scholarship to Friendly Crossways were named Roger Wilson Jefferson and Lawrence Lathrop. The one named to represent us at Maine State Youth Council - Sherman Hill. Norman Clowes has asked to be transfered from associate to active membership. His wife, Joyce Clowes has applied for membership with us as active member with her two children, Linda and Stephen as associate members. We warmly welcome them all into our meeting - The treasurer is asked to order more discipline books, 3 paper cover & 3 cloth bound. Vacation Bible school. Marian Murray gave a report of last year's and suggests having a smaller group this year with song and story hour. We suggest contact Margaret Cates. Bernard & Edna Cates were named a committee to call on the new members - Ernest Reed suggests having the women conduct some Sun. morning services. Decide to wait for Mrs. Guptill's return. We should keep in mind the needs of the Pond camp. Linoleum needs to be laid soon.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

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Annabel Cates, Clerk-

Estella Weed and Charles Austin married May 26, 1956 -

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Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the Cates cottage by China Lake Sunday July 15, 1956. Ernest Reed led devotions with Carleton Cates reading the first 18 verses of the first chapter of John after which George Cates read a portion of the Discipline. This dwelt with the beginning of Quakerism and a statement by Geo Fox. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved. Letters were read by the asst. clerk Benj. Cates from the A.F.S.C. telling of different institutes also the expenses of the Yearly Meeting Budget. The 1956 American Friends Conference on Race Relations is to be held at Wilmington Ohio beginning Aug 31 for four days. Paul Cates has been named as a tentative

delegate. There will be an early church service the first two Sundays in August for the purpose of giving members a chance for vacation. Ralph Kent reported a letter from John Karltonbach concerning a school site. This project will be delayed for a year. Visitors were those from the unit helping at the State hospital this summer - John Stratton, N.J. Gerry Winter N.Y., William Olson, R.I. Holland McSwain N. Carolina. From the Pownal unit Jane Miller Los Angeles Cal. Also our absentee members Millicent Webber and Madeline Cates. It was decided to plan a silent meeting soon if members wish some Sunday evening at a home. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit -
Annabel Cates, Clerk -

(At a later date the following delegates were named for [illegible] Annie Fifield, Ernest Weed and Annabel Cates)

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Ralph + Celia Kent Aug 13, 1956. Ernest Weed led devotions, reading Paul's letter to the Phillipians followed by prayer. At the business meeting, all agree to buy the portion of land from Madeline Cates to add to that of Friends house. A letter was read from Milton Hadley, telling of future plans and address, 404 Main St, Amesbury, Mass. Ernest W. suggests that Ben Bubar of the Civic League speak to us at some future date on the liquor problem and information on candidates for the coming election Sept. 10. Ernest is asked to contact Mr. Bubar. A financial report states that Marian Murray, Mae Cates and Paul Cates have given $100. notes to the church this leaves $850. to be paid on Friend's house. It is a pleasure to note a number have volunteered to paint on Friends house and the front has been finished. The cemetery fence will be repaired soon. All are invited to attend square dance at Pond camp Saturday eve. The camp group agree to clean our church Thursday afternoon. An unprogrammed meeting was held at the cottage of Mary Hoxie Jones at So. China recently + was well attended. Ernest W. suggests engaging Supt. of Good Will to speak some Sun. A.M.* is asked to make arrangements. *Ralph reports on S. China Q.M. The treasurer Malvena K. suggests all members pay tax as we did last year. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins Sunday eve. Sept. 10, 1950. A delicious "Carry in" supper was served at seven o'clock. We were fortunate in having as guests Dr. & Mrs. Edward Drew of China and West Palm Beach, Florida where he is clerk of the meeting. Ernest Weed led devotions speaking of values, eternal or fundamental. George Cates read an article on medicine for disturbed people, telling of so called "happiness pills". Interesting remarks were made by Dr Drew. The minutes of last meeting read & approved. Delegates to the next quarterly meeting at Fairfield were Doris Clowes, Malvina R. & Annabel Cates. A description of the John Greene property of [illegible] which has been given to Friends was made by George Cates. Malvina Robbins gave her treasurer's report as follows. $11.74 cash on hand and all current expenses paid. Nothing has been paid on the combined budget but $2. has been donated toward it. Marion Murray and Mae Cates each cancelled their $100 - demand notes on Friends' house. The deed for land for Friends' House garden received & recorded at Court House. She has on hand $30.00 given by Millicent Webber and others for purpose of paying for land. We have hired Mr. Wyman to finish the painting of Friends' house. Many have given gifts of money to help pay for painting. Special thanks is to be given to Richard Murray for his labor there. A number of letters have been read & considered. Maurice Robbins is asked to contact Daniel LaFleur in regard to wires & pump on our new property. A few short plays are presented for observation. Ernest W. reports that special plumbing is necessary at Friends' House. He is advised to contact a plumber and get necessary piping. All enjoyed hearing interesting remarks from Dr. Drew about the organization of the West Palm Beach meeting & the Abington Friends' meeting where he is still a member. The meeting ended by a few of the [illegible] read beautifully by Malvina Robbins. No further business demanding our attention we conclude our evening to meet again

Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting at Oak Grove School Nov. 12, 1956
Ralph & Celia Hunt, Margaret Cates and Esther Weed.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins Sunday evening Oct. 7, 1956. Devotions were led by Ernest Weed who spoke of Freda Hadley as President of the United Society of Friends Women and author of the article read by George Cates. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Malvina Robbins gave a report of the local meeting and seminar held in conjunction with Quarterly Meeting at No. Fairfield. Maurice Robbins reported that Dan LaFleur gives the pump & wire on the property recently acquired by the Friends, to the church. George Cates is asked to remove the wire preparatory to plowing the piece. Janitors for the coming year are as follows. Maurice Robbins November; George Cates December; January Ernest Weed; February Benj. Cates. March Dr Cates. Ernest W. speaks of the "New England Friend" showing map of different Friend's meetings in N.E. Special plumbing has been finished at Friend's home and the insurance bill of $76.56 has been paid. The community has been able to procure Freda Macy as director of a Christmas cantata, rehearsals beginning at Sunday eve. Nov. 4 at Friends School. Malvina R. has a concern about the Sunday School and suggests the need of an adult class. A number have expressed willingness Thursday to attend with Ernest Weed as teacher. Carleton Cates was named teacher of the boys class. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Mildred Cates, Clerk —

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Ralph & Celia Kent, Sunday evening Nov. 11 '56 We were much pleased to have with us Milton Hadley, who led devotions. It was an inspiration hearing him speak of his thoughts concerning following Christ, taking Paul for example and quoting Elton Trueblood and Sam Levering. A number of recent letters received were read by George Cates. One received concerning the needs of China camp was given consideration. A special collection was suggested. Another from Palo Alto Cal. concerning the fate and status of Conscientious Objectors in our country. They ask that we as meeting and as individuals write immediately to Pres. Eisenhower for amnesty. Milton Hadley suggests that this be done. Ernest Reed speaks of a joint Thanksgiving service Wednesday evening. All approve. Application for membership is received from Charles Andrew Austin. All approve of welcoming him into the meeting. Milton Hadley suggests a welcoming committee or perhaps a dinner with a social gathering after joining. We are asked to investigate Barry Lathrop, one of our members whom we hear has shown preference for another church. The union Cantata will be presented Dec 9 at the Methodist church and Dec 16 at the Adams Memorial Church at Vassalboro Corner. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates, Clerk.

The meeting of Dec. 16 was cancelled as the Cantata was presented then.

"It is with a deep sense of bereavement that we record the passing on Sept. 27 1956 of our dear friend and faithful member, Madaline Cates. Her keen interests and wise counsel in church matters will be sorely missed."

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Doris and Maud Weymouth Jan. 3, 1957. Ernest Weed led devotions reading from the tenth Chap. of Ephesians - Records of the last meeting were read and approved. Delegates for Quarterly meeting Feb 2 were named, Maud Weymouth Carlton Cates, Alice Hunt. On dinner committee were Doris Clowes, Malvena Robbins, Esther Weed & Annabel Cates A committee of three Benny Cates, Ralph Hunt & Ernest Weed were named to revise the church committees. The roll call letter has been begun by the com. Margaret Cates & Malvena Robbins, the date being Feb 7. Benj. Cates kindly consented to print these. A special collection for the Fund Campaign is suggested at the time of Roll Call meeting. Our new members are especially invited to be present. Benj. Cates read letters received. Jeanette Smith requests names of young people who would be interested in a contest for yearly meeting in "ideas on disarmament" As Jane Nutter is the only one of high school age it is suggested that we send in her name that she may receive literature about this from Jeanette Smith of Com. on Peace & Social Concerns. George Cates and Maurice Robbins were asked to write on the Spiritual Condition of the meeting to be read at the next Quarterly Meeting. Mosher fund books arrived & distributed Edna Cates is asked to write news to the New England Friend. Revise membership list. Carleton C. is asked to write visit Larry Lathrop at Colby. A fine report of the financial condition of the meeting was given by treas. Malvena Robbins. All are grateful for her excellent work. The property committee is asked to have the water pipes fixed at the church. A gift of $5.00 has been given to the church by the Fullers at Hallowell in Memory of Madeline Cates. A suggestion is made to buy Bibles for the Sunday School with this. A note of thanks is to be sent to them. The meeting agrees to pay half the expense for having the electrical entrance changed at Friends House Boy Scout money $40 — is to be turned over to the present troupe soon to be organized. Carleton Cates gave a report on his trip to United Nations. Margaret Cates suggests discussion meetings. Ernest Weed expresses appreciation for the Christmas gift from the church members. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits —

Annabel Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Annabel Cates Feb. 10, 1957. Ernest Weed led devotions, Margaret Cates reading an on stewardship article by Roy Smith Prof. of Bible school at Chicago. Malvena Robbins read verses from the 17 chap of Acts. Records of last meeting read & approved. Malvena is asked to buy Bibles for the Sunday S. on her visit to Portland. A letter was read from Wendell Taylor of N.Y. suggesting a Whittier day observed in our meeting and asking for the favorite Whittier poem of our members. "The Eternal Goodness" was selected. Milton Hadley writes announcing a meeting at So. China Tues. Feb. 19th with Robert & Julia Reynolds from the Friends school at Ramallah. Ernest Weed gave an interesting account of his trip to Cambridge where he attended meeting of the A.F.S.C. and Peace & Social Concerns and learned of the different Friends Institutes to be held during the coming summer. The program for Roll Call services was discussed. Ernest W. suggests different ones share in the morning service. Malvena R., George & Margaret Cates Moore, Weymouth Mrs. Griffith were named. A carry in dinner was planned. It was decided to have an Easter dinner together April 21st. Ernest W. suggests each one read a book during March, as a book month. Thanks were extended to Ernest W. George C. and Charlie Austin for repairing the broken water pipe in the church kitchen. On Sunday evening Feb. 24, Peter Seymour from the A.F.S.C. at Cambridge will speak on the situation in Eastern Europe.

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Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Ralph & Celia Kent, March 10, 1957. Delicious waffles made by Esther Weed were much enjoyed by all. Ernest Weed led the meeting with devotions. Carleton Cates read a paragraph from the book of James followed by a selection from the N. Carolina Faith & Practice read by Benj. Cat Quiet Meditation followed. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. The following items were presented to be considered. The church basement is in need of cleaning. Ralph Kent has offered to help. There is need of a new faucet & elbow joint in the kitchen sink. Ernest Weed is asked to buy them. Tuesday evening there is to be a discussion group meeting at the home of Grover & Maud Weymouth. Malvina Robbins has purchased five Bibles for the Sunday School with money donated by the Fullers of Hallowell in memory of Madeline Cates. It is with regret that we hear of the resignation of Ernest Weed. He has served us faithfully. He plans to leave in September.

Benj. Cates Jr. Ernest Weed & Ralph Kent have presented the following revised church committees: –

Pastoral	Maurice & Malvina Robbins, Annabel Cates, Lawrence – Lillian Haslam, Ralph & Celia Kent, George Cates.
	Honorary – Elizabeth Towle, Maud Webber, Benj. Webber.
Property & Finance	Ralph Kent, Maurice Robbins, George Cates, Dr. S. C. Cates, Benj. Cates Jr. Lillian Haslam, Herbert Cates. Dr. Robert Wil
Music	Herbert & Caroline Cates, Annabel Cates, Esther Weed Sr. Benjamin Cates, Doris Clowes.
Visiting –	Celia Kent, Annie Guptill, Mildred Taylor, Lillian Haslam Doris Clowes, Sadie Priest.
Social –	Mae Cates, Edna Ruth Cates, Margaret Cates – Joyce Clo
Peace –	George Cates, Eleanor Wilson, Benj. Cates
Social Concerns	Malvina Robbins –
Christian Education	Benjamin Cates, Malvina Robbins, Mrs. Annie Guptill Joyce Rowe, Joyce Clowes & Marion Murray.

It has been suggested that the chairman of each committee be given a list of the members and see that it functions.

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Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the meeting house Apr. 14, 1957. Ernest Reed led devotions. Margaret Cates read Palm Sunday scriptures St. John 12. also an article from the Christian Century about Palm Sunday. Records of last meeting were read and approved. Ralph Hunt reported the condition of the church cellar. The kitchen faucet is to be fixed by Easter. Delegates to next Quarterly Meeting at Winthrop are Marian Murray, Ralph & Celia Hunt, Malcolm Robbins and Carleton Cates. The committee for Easter dinner is named, Mae Cates, Edna Ruth Cates, Marian Cates and Joyce Clowes. The land belonging to Friends house should be plowed soon. We suggest contacting George Cates and Arthur Clowes. Ernest Reed spoke of the Avon Institute which takes place in July in N.H. also presented a letter telling of the coming Yearly Meeting and care of the young people. Ernest Reed expects to be away April 28. It will be left to Ralph Hunt to get a speaker or plan a layman's meeting. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins May 5, 1957. Ernest Reed led devotions, speaking of our many problems that are answered not by groups, but by individuals. Also this next week will be mental health week. Edna Cates read "The Balance of Worship and Work" by J. Stewart Innerst, followed by a prayer verse by William Bright. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Letters received during past month were read by Edna Cates. Financial report of the Yearly Mtg by Milton Hadley. A letter from Avon Institute telling of the coming N. E. Pacifist Family Institute June 27 - July 2. Pembroke N.H. Anna Brinton, Henry Cadbury, Milton Mayer, Gregor McClelland, Morris Mitchell, Ralph Madoes, William Mosley + Russell Johnson are expected. Carleton Cates's name was mentioned as delegate. Letters from Germany were read written in appreciation of care packages sent. It was decided to send $10.00 ~~for~~ to Equalization fund of Yearly Meeting. The Conference at Woolman Hill on Family Counsel takes place May 31 - J. 1. Malvina Robbins Treas. reports that our Quota will be paid in full this month. The Missionary report by Mrs. Annie Guptill was read. The Report on last Sunday's Laymen's meeting was given by Grace Weymouth. The delegates to the Winthrop Quarterly Meeting were all present save two - Ernest Reed suggests the visiting committee be more active. Suggests each couple visit three families before next Monthly Meeting - report on same. Carleton Cates is asked to mow church lawn coming week. Ralph has offered to do this the next. Tennis court needs to be repaired for use for our young folks. We will ask for brush to be removed there - Altha - [illegible] Babb asks for cemetery lot in the church, Quaker yard. Leave this to Maurice Robbins + Herbert Cates. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the

Bus. Meeting - May 31, 1957-

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Annabel Cates June 2, 1957. Ernest Weed leds devotions with Margaret Cates reading an article from the Christian Century, "Medium Warm" by Simeon Stylites and Malvina Robbins reading Romans 12 - Prayer. Minutes of last meeting read + approved. Maurice Robbins, Carleton Cates, Lawrence Harlan and Archie Plummer are to be asked to help care for the church lawn. There will be a meeting of the Christian Education committee. Malvina R. reports plans for Children's day. Next Sunday Ernest Weed will not be able to speak. The clerk is asked to contact Dr. Drew about taking the service. Letters were read by George Cates. Avon Institute June 27 - July 2. A letter from N.E. yearly meeting about Junior + young Friends who expect to attend Yearly Meeting. Our meeting will contribute $5- to each to help with expenses. A letter read from Syracuse regarding the H. Bomb test suggesting sending letters of protest to President. One from Fellowship of Reconcilliation asking for funds to help the negro and white problems. There will be a special collection taken for this. A letter from Jeannette Smith about the contest for Y.M. No speakers will do this in our meeting as the subject matter seemed very difficult. As there is an over abundance of wood in the church wood shed, Maurice Robbins is asked if he will remove some. The boxs around the outside shut-off needs to be repaired. Keep this in mind. The question of a memorial for Elizabeth Towle will be postponed until the next August meeting also the Sunday School picnic. Ernest Weed tells us the last Sunday he will speak to us will be the 3rd Sunday in August. They will be moving the 1st week in Sept. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Our dear Friend, Elizabeth Towle passed away May 20, 1957. In spite of the fact that she has been an invalid for years, her interest in church affairs has never failed. She has been an example to us all and we will always miss her optimism and sense of humor and faith

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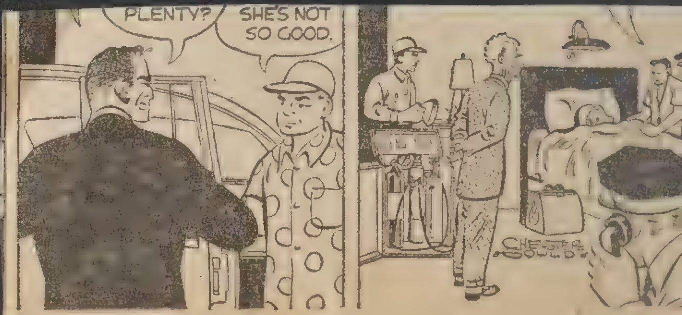
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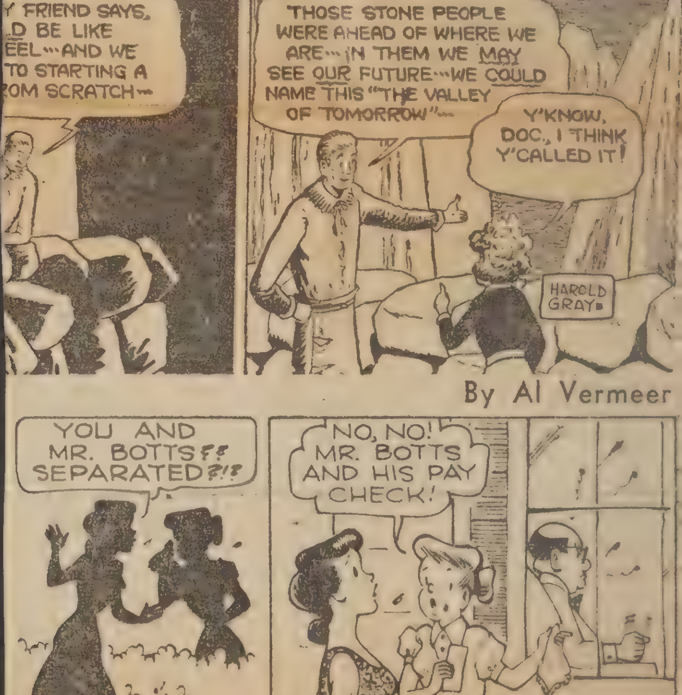
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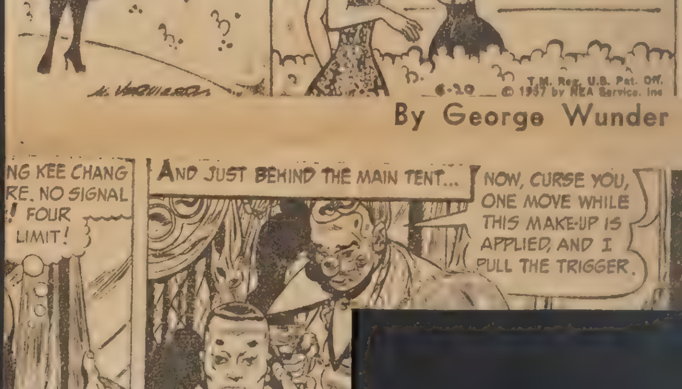
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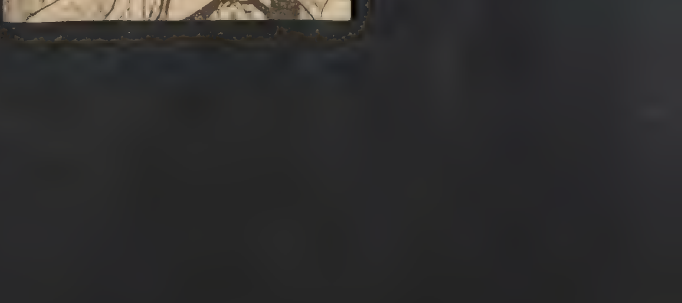
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AND JUST BEHIND THE MAIN TENT...
NOW, CURSE YOU, ONE MOVE WHILE THIS MAKE-UP IS APPLIED, AND I PULL THE TRIGGER.

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Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Annabel Cates Sun. evening Aug. 18, 57. Ernest Weed led devotions dwelling on Soul Searching and Faith. The queries were beautifully read by Malvina Robbins after which was prayer by Ernest. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Benj. Cates is to be asked to order a plaque stamped for the fireplace screen in memory of Elizabeth Towle. A report was given of the two weeks camp life, experienced by Richard Cates, who thoroughly enjoyed it. There is twenty seven dollars left from donations to this project which will be put aside as the Pond Camp reserve. Malvina R. told of $100 given by Maud Webber toward Friends Home. A stove left at the home has been paid for by this gift. Ernest Weed has generously painted 2 sides of the home. Sept 1 is set aside for the church vacation Sunday. The clerk is requested to write Leslie Taylor about speaking to us during Sept. / Letters received were read by Paul Cates. One from Alice Whiting Santa Barbara Cal. telling of particulars of the death of Henry Herbert Goddard and requesting his obituary be sent to Friends papers. A letter concerning the conference at Wilmington. Paul Cates & Mary H. Jones attended this conference giving the report at the Jones cottage Sun eve. La Jolla Cal. Monthly Meeting writes about the danger of bomb tests. Reports of yearly Mtg written given by Milton H. Discription of West Rindge School and the coming conference. Send a contribution of $5:00 to Honolulu for their new project. Ernest W. spoke in appreciation of the work of C. Cates with the young people. / We are pleased to have with us Frances & William Tabor leaders of the Pond camp. Both speak of the past summer's activities there. Our tennis court is to be one of their projects the coming year.

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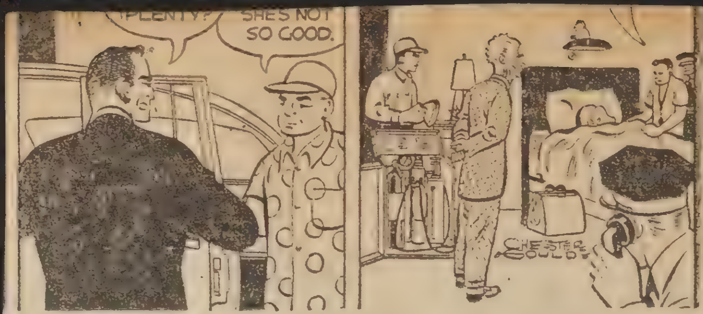
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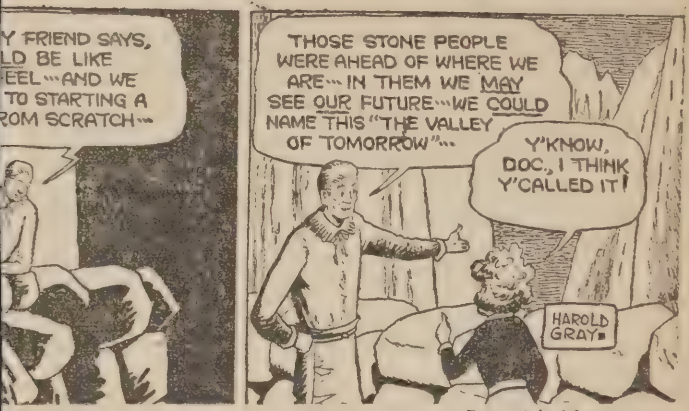
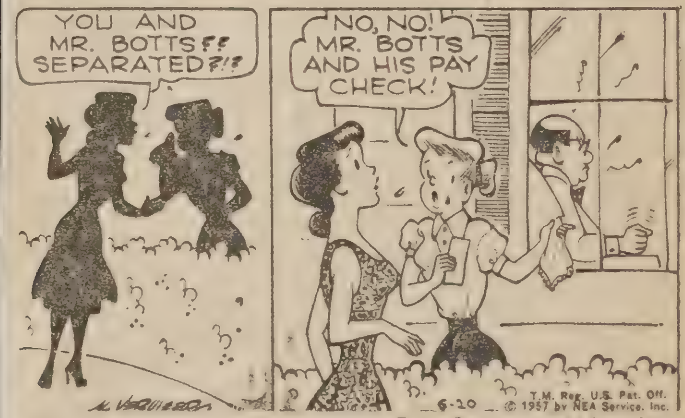

Y FRIEND SAYS, LD BE LIKE EEL···AND WE TO STARTING A ROM SCRATCH···
THOSE STONE PEOPLE WERE AHEAD OF WHERE WE ARE···IN THEM WE MAY SEE OUR FUTURE···WE COULD NAME THIS "THE VALLEY OF TOMORROW"···
Y'KNOW, DOC., I THINK Y'CALLED IT!
HAROLD GRAY

By Al Vermeer


YOU AND MR. BOTTS?? SEPARATED?!?
NO, NO! MR. BOTTS AND HIS PAY CHECK!
AL VERMEER
6-20
T.M. Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.
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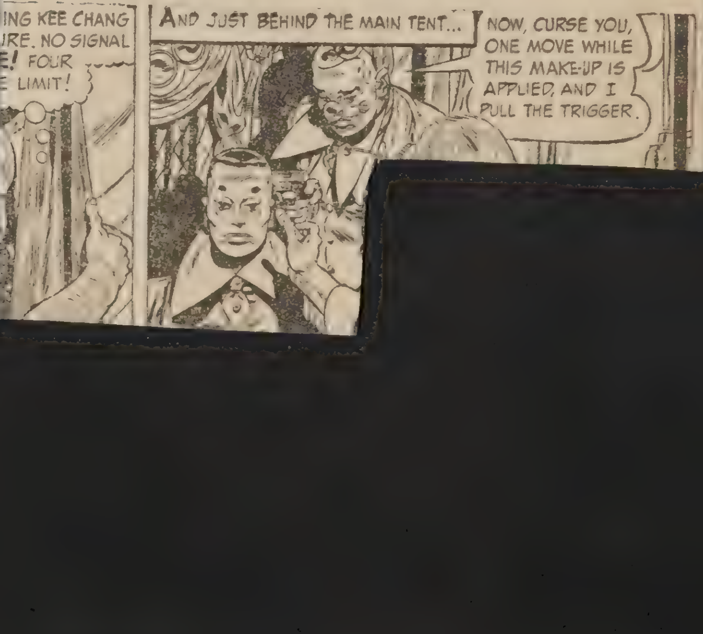
By George Wunder


ING KEE CHANG URE. NO SIGNAL E! FOUR E LIMIT!
AND JUST BEHIND THE MAIN TENT...
NOW, CURSE YOU, ONE MOVE WHILE THIS MAKE-UP IS APPLIED, AND I PULL THE TRIGGER.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam Sunday evening Sept 8, 1957. Annie Gaskill led us with devotions reading the 8th Psalm followed by meditation on God's estimate of Man. This was followed by prayer. / Minutes of the last meeting were read. A letter from Ernest Reed, our recent pastor, to Maurice & Malvina Robbins was read and much enjoyed. A tribute to Ernest & Esther Reed and written by Grover Weymouth after our last Aug meeting is as follows "As this is Ernest's last meeting it would seem fitting that we adopt a resolution or, if a resolution is too formal for Quakers, that it be recorded on the minutes of this meeting that we regret that Ernest & Esther are leaving; that we have enjoyed our association with them over the past five years; that our warm good wishes go with them in their new field of labor and that we hope they will come back to ~~teach~~ see us whenever they can." Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting at No Fairfield are Malvina Robbins, Doris Cloutier & Annabel Cates. A [illegible] note has been given to the church by Louise Clark Cates in memory of her mother Madeline Cates. She asks that her name be discontinued. We give the Duo club permission to hold their meeting at the church dining room but not smoking. Permission was also given to the [illegible] Club. We decide not to rent Friends' House for the present. The Ida Taylor burial lot has been mowed during the summer. The interest $1.50 on the same note of $50 - has been added to the church fund. A letter to Lillian & Lawrence Haslam from Lewis Jones from California was read and enjoyed. We are to thank Bruce Cunningham for his splendid work on the church lawn.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk -

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins Wed. evening Oct 16, 1957. Annie Guptill led devotions reading a selection from the 11th Chapter of Hebrews also reading an article on Faith, "How tall are you" from daily readings. George Keller, Waterville Y.M.C.A. Sec. will speak Sunday. Friends' House was discussed. The floors need a new coverings in the spring. The fire insurance is to be paid with interest on the saving accts. Ralph, Kent & George Cates are asked to see that the place is properly closed. Janitors for the coming winter are Oct Maurice Robbins Nov. George Cates, Dec. Dr. Cates, Jan Herbert Cates, Feb Tommy Cates March Maurice Robbins. The box which contains the water shut-off at the church needs to be rebuilt. Maurice R. has offered the lumber and Herbert Cates is to be asked to build it. The memorial plate for Elizabeth Towle has not been placed on the screen (fireplace) Ask Ben Cates if he will order it. The treasurer announces that $6.69 pays each ones tax this year. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Grover and Maud Weymouth Nov-17, 1957. Malvina Robbins read the Queries. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The insurance on Friends House has been paid by the interest from the bank books. In the cash box there is $66.21. The box protecting the shut off at the church has been built and filled with saw dust - thanks to Herbert Estes and Maurice Robbins. Lillian Haslam is asked to see about the memorial plate for Elizabeth Towle. A letter is read from Ernest & Esther Reed asking for their membership to be transferred to Allen's Neck at So Dartmouth Mass. We grant this reluctantly. Letters were read by George Estes from Five Years Meeting and Peace & Social Concerns Cambridge. The men have kindly consented to take charge of the meeting next Sunday. It is left with Ralph Frank to have a load of gravel hauled for the driveway. It has been suggested we make up a Thanksgiving box for a needy family. Take donations to church Sunday. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Estes, Clerk.

Dec 8 1957.

Due to rehearsals for the Christmas music and Sunday School program the Dec. monthly meeting was omitted. On Dec. 15 the ladies had charge of a memorial service for the 150th birthday of Whittier. Those participating were Malvina Robbins, Doris Clowes, Lillian Haslam & Annabel Estes. Lillian Haslam & Doris Clowes are named to write the roll call letter the date of the meeting to be decided at the next monthly meeting.

Annabel Estes Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Annabel Cates Jan. 19, 1958. The meeting opened by all repeating the Lords Prayer. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. Lillian Haslam had procured the plate inscribed "In memory of Elizabeth J. Towle" which will be placed on the fireplace screen. All are grateful to Malvina Robbins and Doris for the Sunday Morning service Jan. 19, when one of Nathaniel Guptill's sermons were read. Next Sunday Jan. 26 the speakers will be George Cates & Ralph Kent with Benj. Cates furnishing the music. The janitor for Feb. Benj. Cates. The Clerk is requested to write again to James & Elsie Corey to see if they would consider coming to E.V. Delegates to next Quarterly Meeting are Lillian Haslam Doris Clower and Ralph Kent. The dinner committee are named Celia Kent, Mae Cates, Malvina R. & Annabel Cates. The roll call letter written by Lillian Haslam and Doris Clower has been read & approved. Benj. Cates is asked to arrange for the printing. The date for this meeting Feb. 23. Letters received were read by Benj. Cates. Excellent reports on finances for last year of the church and Friend's House were given by the Treasurer, Malvina Robbins and audited by George Cates. Gravel has been hauled for the church drive way, thanks to Ralph Kent.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Arthur & Doris Lowe, Sunday evening Feb. 9, 1958. The meeting was opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer. Records of last meeting were read and approved. The Clerk was asked to contact William Bryan, Colby, in regard to speaking Sundays. Next Sunday Joyce Rowe and Jane Pettingill will have charge of the service reading one of the "Sermons of the Month" taken from the Christian Century and donated by Annie Cates. The roll call letter which has been written by Lillian Harlow and Doris Lowe has been sent to absent members. The date of the roll call meeting will be Feb 23 at eleven o'clock and a carry in dinner at noon. The question of selling Friends House, which is now vacant, has been discussed. If we have a good offer, it may be advisable to sell. A message has come from Eva Given, Oak Grove, saying a group of girls can come from the school some Sunday and give us a Whittier program. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits. Ronald Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Benjamin & Edna Cates Sunday evening Mar. 9, 1958. All repeated together the 23rd psalm followed by silent prayer. Records of last meeting read & approved. Membership statistics were read & approved. We are grateful to William Bryan who has promised to fill the pulpit for the next few Sundays with the meeting beginning at nine o'clock - S.S. at 10 as usual. We were much interested in the Golden Rule project in California. The Treasurer is asked to contribute 5.00. Johanna Eggleston has asked to have her name removed from the records of our meeting and sent to the Moorestown meeting where the rest of her family are members. All approve. The janitor for April is George Cates and May Tom Cates. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits.

Ronald Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Ralph & Celia Hunt, April 13, 1958. Meeting began by all repeating the Lord's Prayer followed by the Queries read by Lillian Haslam. The delegates to the next Quarterly Mtg at Winthrop are Ralph & Celia Hunt, Lillian Haslam, Malvina Robbins & Mildred Taylor. The clerk is asked to write Lelia Taylor asking her to speak to us next Sunday. Church at 9 & Sunday School at 10. Letters were read by George Cates - no donations. We agreed to give the Tabors of the Pond camp the privilege of repairing the tennis court on the church grounds if they so desire. The property com. reports a leak at Friends House. We will leave this with Maurice, George & Ralph.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel S Cates. Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends held at the home of Ralph & Celia Hunt May 11, 1958. Carry in dinner enjoyed. Began by repeating the Lord's prayer. Records of last meeting read & approved. A leak in Friends' house reported. Ralph Hunt is asked to contact LeClair. Letters read from Lelia Taylor & David Henley. It has been decided to ask Richard Fernandez for the summer at $20 a week. The clerk is asked to write him to that effect and that members will either board him around with the different members - 2 weeks at a time or fix up Friends House & give him dinners & suppers. Letters were read by George Cates. A special collection for Pond Camp in morning mtg was approved. Yearly Mtg will be held at Lasell Junior College. It was decided to send 5.00 for the Equalization Fund. George C is asked to plow the F. house lot and seed it down. [illegible], so the Friends have offered to help with the roof of Maud & Grover Weymouth's garage. Send [illegible] to 22 Spring St. Portland Me. to Velma O'Brien. [illegible] at the church Sat. [illegible] lunch at noon. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg. of Friends held at the home of Ralph & Celia Hunt June 15, 1958. Ralph's mother Mrs. Hunt requested that Paul Cates sing The Old Rugged Cross, after which all repeated the 23rd Psalm. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. The time of the Sunday meetings this summer will be at eleven o'clock. The mowing of the church lawn was discussed. Ralph Hunt has mowed it a number of times this spring. Dr. Cates, Maurice Robbins, Paul Cates, Lawrence Nelson, Herbert Cates are to be asked to mow it. Richard Fernandez of Winchester Mass. will be with us this summer, beginning with Sunday June 22nd. The ladies of the Circle plan to meet at Friends' home the Wednesday before and clean up. Herman Moore will be asked to turn on the water. The tennis court is discussed. It will be a privilege for us to have Bill and Fran Tabor with their camp crew to begin the clearing of this for us. We will leave this in their hands. Paul Cates read the different letters. An interesting letter from Esther Levant of Winthrop was read telling of the coming event at Winthrop, when friends were celebrating the 60 years of ministry of Arthur Jones June 28. All are invited. A gift of 6.00 will be sent to him from the meeting. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, agreeing to meet again at the usual time, If the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

This is to note that we will ask Robert Higgins of the No. Vassalboro to be our pastor for one year beginning with the first of September.

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg. of Friends was held at the meeting house July 18, 1958. Messages were given from our pastor Richard Fernandez, Frances Reed William Tabor and Jerome Haskins. Records from the last meeting were read and approved. Malvina Robbins beautifully read the queries. Delegates to coming Quarterly meeting were named Annabel Cates, Ralph & Celia Hunt, Carleton Cates. We expect Peace Pilgrim to be present Tuesday evening and she will give us a talk at the meeting house. Everyone invited - Richard Fernandez, Carleton Cates, Herbert Cates, Ralph Hunt, Maurice Robbins and George Cates are named for the tennis committee. A church vacation Bible school was discussed. This matter was left with Richard Fernandez. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam, Wed eve. Aug 13, 1958. Richard Fernandez led devotions "Getting on top of your emotions" Minutes of last meeting read & approved. A letter from Ann Cates telling of her marriage intentions with Frank Elmondrou of Ohio was read and considered. Lillian Haslam & Malvina Robbins were named to be present at the wedding and report to the next Monthly meeting. The mowing of the lawn to be left to Lawrence Haslam & Richard Fernandez, Ralph Hunt, Maurice Robbins and George Cates - Letters were read by George Cates telling of conferences at Friendly Crossways. Also one from Lewis Marstaller telling of our new yearly Mtg treasurer, F. Warren Howe Jr of Moses Brown School Providence R.I. A letter telling of the All Friends conference to be held at W. Hartford Conn. Sept 3-4-5. The building com. reported the shingles have arrived for Friends House. Cost 116.83. Herbert Cates has been asked to put them on. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends held at the cottage of Maurice & Malvina Robbins Sunday evening Sept 18 1955. The carry in supper was much enjoyed. At the business meeting the minutes of the last mtg were read & approved. The wedding of Frank Edmondson & Ann Cates was reported upon by Malvina Robbins. The committee appointed attended and reported every thing was properly solemnized in a simple and beautiful manner. Letters received were read by asst. clerk Benjamin Cates. No action was taken on these. Shingles for Friends House have been put on. This bill has been paid by drawing funds from the Pinkham fund. Archie Plummer has asked permission to dig a cellar drain on Friends House property. Herbert Cates & Maurice Robbins are asked to look over the situation, also a suggestion has been made to contact Ernest Ward, who is familiar with the drainage system of Friends House, as to the advisability of having this done. Plans are discussed to reimburse the Pinkham fund. It has been suggested that the ladies make beds for Pownal and the men buying them for 7.00 each then sending them to the school. The money received put aside in the P. fund. As the key to Friends House has been lost, Maurice has been requested to have a new one made also to contact Roy Grindal about cleaning the church furnace. The janitors for the coming year. Geo. Sept, Herbert Oct. Benj. Nov. Maurice December. The clerk is requested to write a vote of thanks to Margaret Cates for the fine work she has done at the church this last month. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude adjourning to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Ronald Cates Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends held at the home of Benjamin and Edna Cates Sunday evening Oct 12, 1958. A waffle supper served by the hostess was much enjoyed - At the business meeting our minister Robert Knight of the Baptist No. Vass. church was present. After a few word from him all repeated the Lords' prayer. Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Letters were read by Benj. Cates from Moses Brown, Lincoln school and from the first Parish in Northborough Mass inviting us to the service of settlement of Rev Kenneth Gordon [illegible] as minister of the First Congregational Unitarian Church Sept 14. Kenneth was a former organist of our meeting. / A cemetery map is requested asking Herbert Cates to make such a map with the help of Lillian & Lawrence Harlan and Maurice Robbins. The question of selling Friends house - wait awhile -

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit
Annabel Cates
Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Harlan, Sunday evening Nov. 7, 1958. Lords prayer. The Queries were read by Celia Hunt. Letters were read by Benj. Cates. It was decided to unite with the No. Vassalboro group in putting on a Christmas Cantata Sunday. Dec. 21.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lords permit — Annabel Cates Clerk.

Vassalboro Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice and Malvina Robbins Sunday evening Dec 14 1958. & prayer After the reading of psalm 67 by Edward Castle all repeated the Lords Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Lillian Haslam and Malvina Robbins were named a committee of two to revise the church committees. Celia Hunt, George Cates and Mildred Taylor were named to write the roll call letter, the date of the meeting chosen Feb. 15. A carry in dinner was decided upon with the help of Maurice Robbins, Doris Clowes, Mae Cates and Edna Cates. Christmas gift of money for our pastor Robert Hight will be collected by Malvina & Maurice Robbins. Our quota for this year is $500.00 – for each member $2.40. It was agreed this year, as last, all adults pay their own. Letters were read by George Cates. A report of the World Committee meeting at Bad Pyrmont Germany written by Paul Cates, who attended, was read. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meeting again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates Clerk

Jan. 11, '59 Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends met at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam. After a period of silence, the minutes of the last meeting were read. Delegates to the Quarterly Mtg for Feb. 9 at E. Vassalboro were named Lillian & Lawrence Haslam, Ralph & Celia Hunt. Dinner com. Maurice Robbins, Doris Clowes, Mae Cates & Edna Cates. Money for the Hights' Christmas gift $20. A suggestion has been made to attend the hour of power at No. Vassalboro Thurs. Eve. Letters were read by Geo. Cates. It has been suggested giving Robert Hight a book of Discipline. Treasurer's report will be audited and presented at next meeting. We have decided to sell Friends' house if a good offer is available ($600.) Maurice Robbins can be contacted about this. The Christmas Cantata, with a chorus of voices from N.V. Baptist and Friends was presented to a large audience at N.V. Louise Cates Clark has asked for removal of membership to Congregational Church at Hallowell. This has been granted. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. — George Cates Clerk pro tem

Feb 8 '59. Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends met at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam Sunday evening. The meeting began by all repeating the Lord's prayer. Records of the last meeting were read and accepted. Quarterly Mtg was held at the meeting house Sat. Feb 7. Louis Marstaller, Arthur Jones & Robert Hegler were present and took part in the morning devotions. Peter Jonitis of Bates College, Lewiston gave an interesting talk on his experiences in Egypt where he vacationed last summer, in the afternoon session after the business meeting - The roll call letter is being considered and the date of the meeting changed to March 8. George Cates read the correspondence. No action was taken on these letters. A financial report of the Church and Friend's House was given by the treasurer Malvena Robbins. It has been suggested that this be read at roll call meeting - The following revised committees have been submitted by the committee of two - Lillian Haslam & Malvena Robbins.

Mrs. Peter Hoyt died Jan. 2, '59.

Pastorial	Annabel Cates	Honorary
	Maurice Robbins	Maud Webber
	Malvena Robbins	Nellie Webber
	Lillian Haslam	Dr. S. C. Cates -
	Lawrence Haslam	
	Ralph Hunt	
	Celia Hunt	
	George Cates	
Property & Finance	Alfred Taylor	Lillian Haslam
	Ralph Hunt	Benj. Cates
	Maurice Robbins	Herbert Cates
	George Cates	Dr. Robert Wilson.
	Lawrence Haslam	
Music	Doris Clowes	Annabel Cates
	Herbert Cates	Benj. Cates
	Caroline Cates	
Visiting	Celia Hunt	Doris Clowes
	Mildred Taylor	Grace Cates
	Lillian Haslam	

Committees con.

Social	Mae Cates Edna Cates Margaret Cates	Malvena Robbins Gerald Robbins
Peace & Social Concerns	George Cates Benjamin Cates Eleanor Wilson Malvena Robbins.	
Christian Education	Benjamin Cates Malvena Robbins Lillian Haslam	Joyce Rowe Joyce Clowes Virginia Robbins.
Ministry	Malvena Robbins Mildred Taylor Annabel Cates.	

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends held at the home of Ralph & Celia Hunt Sunday eve. March 8, 1959. Robert Hight led devotions, reading the 12 chap of Romans, followed by the Lord's prayer. Malvena Robbins read the Queries. Records of the last meeting were read & accepted. Edna Cates read letters rec'd past month. A letter from the pastor of the Old South Congregational Church welcomed Louise Clark Cates as a member of their church at Hallowell. Letter from Russell Johnson about Peace & Social Concerns. Letters from High Point telling of the conferences of Quaker Men and United Society of Friends women to be held the first week in May. Word has been received of our dear friend Edward Brown who passed away Feb 22 '59 at Santa Barbara, California. It has been decided to take a special collection Easter for the benefit of Five years Meeting. Church vacation 2 weeks in August. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet at the usual if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

April 12, 1959.

This meeting was omitted. The first of April we had the privilege of having Milton Hadley in the interest of Peace & Social Concerns: we also have been favored by having

William Valley, visiting in the community

of the Providence M. Mtg.

May 17, 1959.

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends held at the home of Ralph & Celia Kent Sunday evening. The meeting began by all repeating the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Melvina Robbins, Treas gave the financial report. All outstanding bills paid. Many letters were read by George Cates. The Treas. was instructed to send $5.00 to the Yearly Meeting for the Equalization fund to help the young people to attend the Mtg. Maurice Robbins is asked to write an advertisement for the "Sentinel" putting Friend's House up for sale, price $500. Church vacation last 2 weeks in August and Robt. Hight has asked for the first 2 weeks in Sept. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit - Annabel Cates. Clerk.

June 14, 1959.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends held at the home of Benjamin and Edna Cates Sunday evening. We were favored in having William & Frances Tabor with us. Meeting was opened by prayer. Minutes of the last meeting was read and accepted. A letter from Ruth Stoffregen president of the United Society of Friends' Women was read by Lillian Harlow. Letters were read by Benj. Cates ass. Clerk. The question of holding Sunday School during the next two months was discussed. It was thought advisable to continue it. An invitation to join the [illegible] Pond camp on July 22, taking lunches, was accepted. We have also accepted an invitation to join the Daily Vacation Bible school at No. Vassalboro. Put Friend's house in Maddocks hands. Consider Friends acre for young folks. Moving Church lawn, Kent, Harlow Robbins, Cates. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit - Annabel Cates Clerk.

July 19, 1959.

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg. of Friends held at the home of ~~Ralph + C.~~ Maurice + Malvena Robbins Robert Hight led devotions by prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. Malvena Robbins is asked to contact William Tabor, Pond Camp to learn details of the meeting of July 22. Maurice Robbins is asked to see Maddocks about selling Friends' house. Letters are read by George Cates - Mowing church lawn, Maurice R., George C., Lawrence H. and Ralph K. Queries were read by Lillian Haslam. Delegates to next Quarterly Mtg Aug 1, at So China were named Mae Cates, Ralph & Celia Kent & Annabel Cates. All were present save one. Church vacation, last 2 week in Aug. 16 - 23. - 30. Benj. Buber will speak Sept 6. The name of Dr. Drew has been suggested. Some one will contact him for Sept 13. Finances were discussed Robert Hight suggested a system for larger collections. The annual S. S picnic Wed. Aug 12. at Crescent Beach, Jefferson.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

Aug 16, 1959.

Monthly Mtg of Friends met with Ralph & Celia Kent, Aug 16 Robert Hight had charge of devotions. Minutes read & approved. Mowing lawn, Ralph Kent, Benj. Cates, Maurice Robbins, Geo C. The committee in charge of redacorating the church are named Celia Kent, Mae Cates, Margaret Cates & Malvena Robbins. Roger & Jennie Titus, decorators are suggested. Order 10 copies of Yearly Mtg Minutes, Lillian Haslam, Maud Webber, Margaret Cates, Geo. Cates, Annabel Cates, Ralph Kent, Malvena Robbins & Doris Clowes. Letters read by Margaret Cates. Care of grounds at Friends' house put in hands of property com. Clerk is asked to answer note found at church from W. B. Thompson 505, Anthony Rd Sandston Virginia. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk -

Sept 16, 1959.

Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Maurice & Malvena Robbins. The meeting began by all repeating the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Letters were read - one from Robert & Rebecca Hight telling of their vacation. Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting at No. Fairfield, Ralph & Celia Hunt, Edna & Benj. Cates, George Cates. None were able to be present. Insurance due 47.^{20} Leave this with the Treas, Malvena Robbins, to pay. Decide not to remove window. The question of a velvet curtain or 2 new chairs for the platform is to be left to the committee, Celia Hunt, Chair. Edna Cates expressed a concern for the children to have more knowledge of Quakerism. / No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit - Annabel Cates Clerk -

Oct. 13, 1959.

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Ralph & Celia Hunt. Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved. Letters were read by George Cates. No action taken - A Sunday School Superintendent was discussed. Benj. Cates will serve Sunday Oct. 18. Needs of the church. The roof needs to be painted, also the outside wood work. We feel that we should wait until we ascertain what our present repairs will cost us before having this done. Delegates to Oak Grove Quarterly Mtg. are named Doris Clemens, Edna Cates & George Cates. Due to illness, Edna C. was unable to attend. Janitors until March: - November, Mac Cates, December Maurice Robbins, January Bennie Cates, February George Cates. No further business demanding our attention, we ~~adjourn~~ adjourn, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Church Redecorated

This is view of the newly redecorated interior of the Friends Church at East Vassalboro, the renovations made possible through a bequest. In photo is the Rev. Robert Hight, pastor of the church.

E. VASSALBORO

Friends Church Is Redecorated Through Bequest

The interior of the Friends Meeting House has been completely redecorated, thanks to the late Dr. Henry Herbert Goddard of Santa Barbara, Calif., who left a bequest of $1,000 to the Society of Friends to be used for church repairs.

Dr. Goddard was born in East Vassalboro and spent his early years here. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Goddard Newlin, was a Friends minister.

The meeting house now has all new paint, both wood work and pews, new wallpaper and light fixtures.

The present red brick church was built in 1832 and remodeled in 1891. The greater part of the early settlers of the town were members of the Society of Friends and as early as 1779 they had settled along the east side of the Kennebec River. The first Meeting House was completed in 1786.

After a few years, more Friends settled in the eastern part of the town near the outlet of China Lake. For a time services were held in private homes, but in 1798 a meeting house was built and it was called the East Pond Meeting to distinguish it from the River Meetings.

Meetings have been held here continuously with morning service, Sunday School, monthly and quarterly meeting.

Some of the ministers who have served since 1900 are Eloise Hafford, Elsie Matte, Elam Henderson, Joseph Lippencott, Prof. Herbert Newman, Dean Puera Robison, William Bryan, Leila Taylor, Ernest Weed, Richard Fernandez and the present pastor, the Rev. Robert Hight.

One of the first clerks was Edmund Cates, followed by his daughter, Eliza Pierce, granddaughter Annie M. Priest, great-granddaughter, Edith Whitten, great-grandson, Harold Cates, and in 1959, assistant clerk, Benjamin H. Cates, Jr., great-great-grandson.

Malvena Robbins has been treasurer for 20 years and also school superintendent for many years.

The committee in charge of repairs was Celia Kent, Margaret Cates, Mae Cates and Malvena Robbins.

Because the bassoon lends itself to comic effects, it has been called the humorist of the orchestra.

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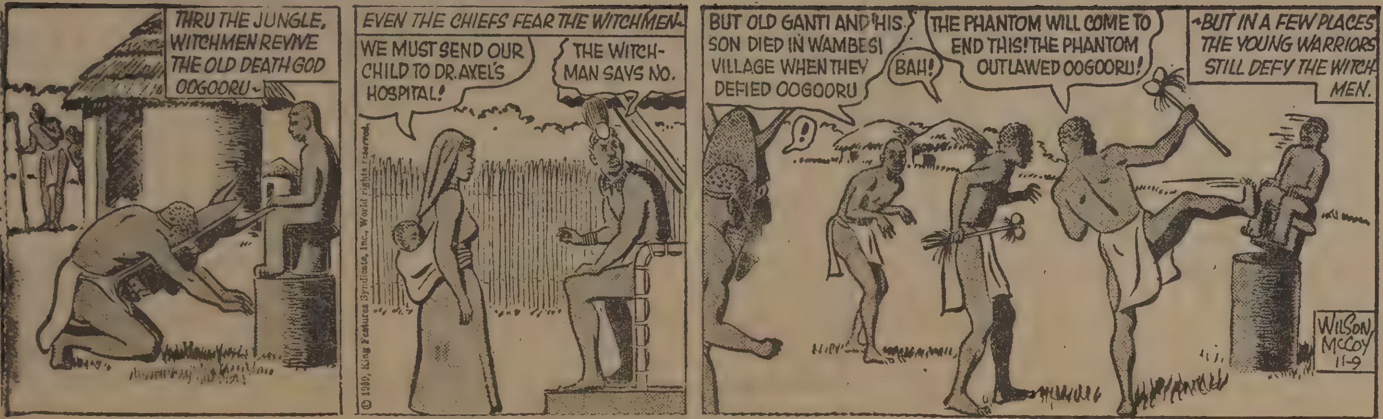
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BAH!
THE PHANTOM WILL COME TO END THIS! THE PHANTOM OUTLAWED OOGOORU!
BUT IN A FEW PLACES THE YOUNG WARRIORS STILL DEFY THE WITCH MEN.
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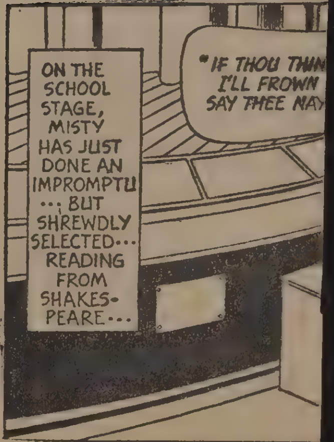
MARY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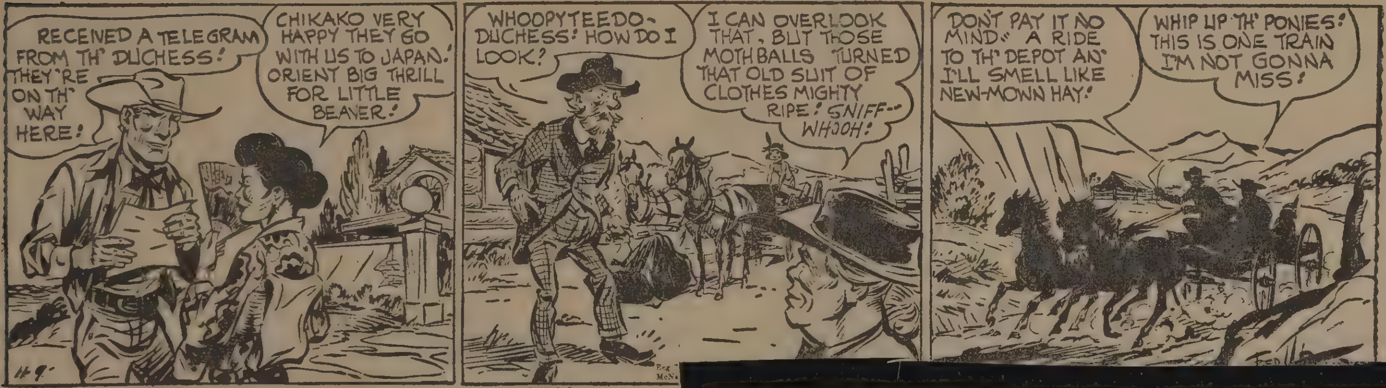
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11-9
WHOOPYTEEDO-DUCHESS! HOW DO I LOOK?
I CAN OVERLOOK THAT. BUT THOSE MOTHBALLS TURNED THAT OLD SUIT OF CLOTHES MIGHTY RIPE! SNIFF-- WHOOH!
DON'T PAY IT NO MIND-- A RIDE TO TH' DEPOT AN' I'LL SMELL LIKE NEW-MOWN HAY!
WHIP UP TH' PONIES! THIS IS ONE TRAIN I'M NOT GONNA MISS!

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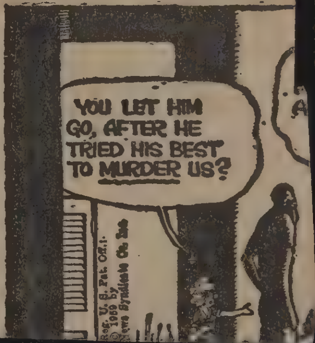
YOU LET HIM GO, AFTER HE TRIED HIS BEST TO MURDER US?
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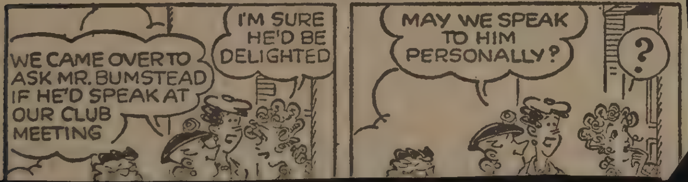
WE CAME OVER TO ASK MR. BUMSTEAD IF HE'D SPEAK AT OUR CLUB MEETING
I'M SURE HE'D BE DELIGHTED
MAY WE SPEAK TO HIM PERSONALLY?
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Nov 11, 1959.

Monthly Meeting of Friends met with Benj. & Edna Cates. This began by all repeating the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters were read by Ass. Clerk Benj. Cates. A letter came from Frances Jones asking when we would like Dorothy Arnold to come in the interest of church school. The clerk is asked to invite her to come later in spring. The Yearly Mtg. quota is discussed. All members are asked to pay their share. A letter about the pitiful conditions in Tunisia & Morocco of Algerian refugees. It has been suggested that the S. S. might give a blanket. Three names of associates have been named as ready to be active. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Warren Robbins suggests the water to be turned off at the church this fall as last year. A suggestion has been made to invite the Waterville Friends to meet with us some Sunday evening to an unprogramed meeting. The young people of the Grange have asked to buy the Friends' Library lot for a children's play ground. This is referred to the next meeting. Church repair bill as follows. Warren - Electric lights 103.10

Labor & Material, Warren 87.73

Proctor & Bowie 9.85

The stove and electrician's bill is still to be paid. The glass at Friends' House must be replaced before winter. Also have a new house key made. At the end of this month if the house isn't sold, take it out of Maddocks' hands. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel I. Cates, Clerk -

Dec 6 Resignation of Robert Hegler to take place Jan 1.

Dec 13. A meeting was held at Riverside with the deacons of the Congregational Church there and Elders of our meeting to discuss the advisability of having Harold Tucker of Bangor T. Sem as pastor of the two churches. He however decided to remain at Durham.

A. I. C. Clerk.

Jan. 3, 1960.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam The meeting opened with all repeating the Lord's prayer. Helen Wyman read parts of the Queries followed by the naming delegates to the coming Quarterly meeting which will be held here at E. Vassalboro Feb. 6 - Delegates named were Mae Cates, Lawrence & Lillian Haslam - The dinner committee Doris Clowes, Malvina Robbins & Mae Cates. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Herbert Cates, Lillian Haslam and Malvina Robbins will be asked to write the next roll call letter; the date of the mtg to be decided upon later. Claude Nutter, a Baptist minister from Caribou will speak here the next three Sundays - The Baptist church at No. Vassalboro has invited us to share the same minister again We will decide before Quarterly Meeting - We have taken the selling of Friends' House out of Maddock's hands - We decided to put it into Harold Labbe's if he will take it for six months. Benj. Cates read letters received - later a special collection will be taken for the China Pond Camp - Clarabel Marstaller writes for pictures of the church (old and new) to be exhibited at Yearly meeting in June at Brunswick We have fully decided that the Friends' lot of land, back of the town's library, is not for sale - No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk -

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DEATHS

Coney—Elsie F. Coney, wife of James A. Coney of Sedley, Virginia, on Feb. 20 in the Raiford Memorial Hospital very peacefully, after months of severe suffering most patiently borne.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Gwendolyn of Washington, D.C.; and one son, Peter James Coney of Albuquerque, N.M.

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MRS. HARRIET COOK FERNALD

FEB 27 1960

VASSALBORO—Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Harriet Cook Fernald in South Portland Saturday. She was a former resident of North Vassalboro and for the past few years had spent considerable time with a cousin, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, in Fairfield.

She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Robert Frank of Old Greenwich, Conn.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Hay, Peabody Funeral Home in Portland.

KANSAS

Wichita, Kansas—University Friends Church, University Avenue at Glenn: Bible School, 9:45 a.m.; Meeting for Worship, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Junior Hi-C.E., 5:00 p.m.; High School College Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.; Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Ministers, Robert E. Cope, Norman Huff and Lela Gordon. Office phone AM 2-3373.

KENTUCKY

Louisville, Kentucky—Meeting for Worship and First-day School, 10:30 a.m. at Neighborhood House, 428 South First Street. Phone TWinbrook 5-7110.

AUGUSTA (AP) - An employ-
ent increase of 7,900 jobs in
aine in two years was reported
nday by the Department of
onomic Development.

Manufacturing industries ac-
unted for 3,300 and non-manu-
cturing for 4,600, according to
nployment Security Commis-
n figures, the DED said.

Leather and leather products
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t, food processing by 200 or
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Feb 23, 1960.

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Friends met at the home of Lawrence and Lillian Haslam. All repeated the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. The question of what to raise on the Friends plot of land was discussed. This was left with George Cates and Lawrence Haslam. The selling of Friends House. This is left with Benj. Cates to contact Labbe. Letters were read by Benj. Cates, asst. Clerk. A letter was read asking for the transfer of Ralph & Celia Kent to The Center Baptist Church Vassalboro. The clerk is advised to do this. The monthly Mtg membership statistics was read & approved. The treasurer, Malvena Robbins gave an excellent report of the church's finances for the past year. This was accepted with thanks from the meeting. Lillian Haslam has been named new recorder. Edna Cates, Doris Clowes & Mildred Taylor have been named a committee to revise the church committees. March 20 will be Roll Call Sunday with a carry-in dinner. Word has been received that Harriet Cook Fernald, a member of long standing died Feb. 27, 1960. Funeral March 1 at the Hay Peabody Funeral home in Portland. We were also saddened by the news of the death of Elsie Coney. She was a friend of many of us. She is survived by her husband James and children Gwen & Peter. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates Clerk

March 16, 1960.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Maurice & Malvena Robbins. All repeated the Lord's prayer. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. Plans were made for the roll call dinner. Letters were read by Ben. Cates. No action taken. Esther Wood Farrar of Morrill Maine has requested being put on the Y. Meeting mailing list. Joyce Haslam Day has requested her transfer from this meeting to the Congregational Church Bethany at Foxboro Mass. The clerk is advised to send her a letter of removal. A suggestion is made that the Cemetery fence needs painting. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates. Clerk

April 10, 1960

Monthly meeting of Friends held at the home of Annabel Cates. The meeting opened with the Lord's prayer. Records of the last meeting read and approved. Letters were read by Benjamin Cates. Many requests for funds. First we are going to try to pay our yearly meeting quota before making other donations. Delegates were named to be present at the Quarterly Meeting to be held May 7 at Winthrop. Mae Cates, Maurice Robbins, Malvina Robbins & Doris Clover. The names of Robert, Richard, Gerald & William Cates are presented to be changed from associate members to active members in the church. All approve and they will be given a public welcome on Easter Sunday. Benj. Cates has a customer for Friends' House. It was decided to offer Howard Stafford the house with stove for $5000. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates, Clerk.

May 10, 1960.

Monthly Mtg of Friends held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Hallam. Lords prayer. Records read & approved. Letters read by Benj. Cates. The treasurer reports that we have met our Y. M. quota. Howard Spofford has offered to pay $5000 for Friend's house, $1000. down and a mortgage for $4000. $400 for 10 years and 6% interest. We decide to have him do this. Outstanding notes of $650.— will be paid. June Cates & Charles Rodis have reported their intentions of marriage. As June Cates is a member here, 2 members are named to make inquiry as to her qualifications for marriage, Doris Clover and Mae Cates. The church lawn will be mowed by Benj. & Richard Cates, Lawrence Hallam, George Cates & Maurice Robbins. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Mrs. Annie Lucy Guptill

AUGUSTA — Mrs. Annie Lucy Guptill, 83, died Wednesday night at the Augusta General Hospital. Born Sept. 28, 1876, at Independence, Iowa, she was the daughter of Ruel and Annie Steward Hallowell. She was the wife of the late Rev. O. J. Guptill Sr.

She had taught in Maine schools for many years and was secretary of the Maine Seacoast Mission for 16 years, working in conjunction with her husband. She came to Augusta three years ago from Vassalboro where she was active in the Friend's Church.

She was a member of the South Parish Congregational Church, Augusta, the Women's League of the church, ~~and the South China Grange~~.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. John S. Foss, Augusta; three sons, Philip H. Guptill, Buffalo, N. Y., Orville J. Guptill Jr., Camden, and the Rev. Nathanael Guptill, Port Washington, N. Y., two grandsons, four granddaughters and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services ~~will be~~ held at 2 p.m. Saturday at 15 Flagg St., Augusta.

GUPTILL — Mrs. Annie Lucy of Augusta. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Knowlton and Hewins Funeral Home, 15 Flagg St., Augusta, where friends may call.

Died June 5 - 1960

REPAIRS

Repairs necessary to bring al 10 locations up to minimum standards of safety would cost an estimated $62,900, according to the report of Edward C. Jordan Co. Inc., Portland firm that was hire by the PUC to survey the wharves

All traffic will be prohibited a the Little Diamond Island Whar and Trefethen Landing, Peaks Island, PUC Chairman Frederic N. Allen said in a statement.

Temporary pedestrian use wil be permitted at Forest City Landing, Peaks Island; Chandler Cove Wharf, Chebeague Island; Grea Diamond Island Wharf; Ponce and Cleaves Landings, Long Island.

Vehicles will be prohibited fron using the Cliff Island Wharf, bu "only limited portions of the whar are considered unsafe for pedestrian traffic," according to the report.

Jones Wharf, Peaks Island, the regular landing for the Casco Ba Lines ferryboat, will temporaril

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June 12, 1960.

Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Hackett. Devotions were led by Louis Robbins who read the 13th Chapter of Romans, followed by the Lords prayer. Letters were read by Benj. Cates. It was decided to send $5.00 to the equalization fund. The last two weeks in August seems to be the best time for church vacation. No marriage clearance report has been presented to the meeting by the committee who have been asked to investigate [illegible] Cates & Charles Robbins, so the wedding will take place July 17 as planned. July 24, Robert Hayes will be pastor of the meeting in the absence of the regular pastor Claude Kettle. The question of a buying a lawn mower was presented. [illegible] Monday evening July 25, the Crusaders Quartette from Philadelphia will present an evening of music at the meeting house. Lewis Robbins is instrumental in getting these young men from the college which he attends, Phila. College of the Bible. Friends' house has been sold to Howard Spofford and negotiations have been completed.

It is with regret that we speak of the passing of our dear friend Annie L. Gaskill on June 8, 1960. Although not a member of this meeting, she worked with us for many years, endearing herself to us all, with her deep understanding and wise counsel. No further business demanding our attention, we concluded, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel J. Cates, Clerk

July 31, 1960.

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice & Malvena Robbins.

Queries were read by Malvena Robbins followed by the Lord's prayer. Paul Cates gave and interesting talk on Friends in Germany. Carlton Cates also spoke of Quaker conditions in Tennessee.

Records of the last meeting were read & approved.

The treasurer reports a rebate of insurance rec'd from Friend's House which was sold in June.

A bill for painting windows at the church $17.00 has been paid. George Cates read letters received. Cancelled checks have been received from the Robert Wilsons - money loaned when we bought the parsonage. Maurice Robbins is asked to order the paint for the meeting house roof.

A committee of three has been asked to revise the church committees. Edna Cates, Doris Clowes and Mildred Taylor.

Delegates to Q.M. Aug. 6 at So China are Paul Cates, Maurice & Malvena Robbins and Annabel Cates.

A letter of thanks has been received from the family of Annie Guptill for flowers received.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates, Clerk

August 14 '60.

As there was little business to attend at this meeting it was cancelled. A delightful evening was spent at So China with Mary Hoxie Jones at her cottage at Pendle Hill. A number of Friends from other meetings were present, making the evening a memorable one.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

All the comforts of home
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Mrs. Francis G. Buzzell, Au
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Marie Albert s Married

LEWISTON — Miss Marie
oan Albert, daughter of Mr.
nd Mrs. Antonio Albert, 103
Vinter St., was married to Don-
ld Adolphe Dubois, son of Mr.
nd Mrs. Joseph Dubois, 3 Lin-
oln St., at 9 a.m. Saturday, at
t. Joseph's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dubois
ttended them.

After a reception at the Al-
ert home, the bridal couple
stablished a home at 103 Win-

Rodis-Cates Bridal Is Announced

Announcement is being of the marriage of Miss June Etta Cates, daughter of Mrs. Annabel Cates of East Vassalboro, and Charles Konstantine Rodis, son of Mrs. Blanche Rodis of Josselyn St., which took place Sunday, July 17, in the Friends Church at East Vassalboro. The Rev. Claude D. Nutter officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, George Cates, and Miss Roberta Mannette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Mannette of Woodlawn Ave., was flower girl.

Larry Rodis of Winthrop, Mass., was best man for his brother.

Both are graduates of Gorham State Teachers College. The bride, daughter of the late B. Harold Cates, will hold a teaching position at Portsmouth, N. H., in the fall.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Sidaris Rodis. He received his master of arts degree from Columbia University and his master of education degree from the University of Maine. In the fall he will resume his teaching position at Traip Academy at Kittery. The bridal couple will reside at Kittery Point.

Sept. 11, 1960.

V. Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the [illegible] and [illegible]. Following the [illegible] Lillian Haslam sang a beautiful [illegible] song from the Friends' [illegible]. Also [illegible] Records [illegible] [illegible] Delegates for the Yearly [illegible] were named [illegible], Doris [illegible] + [illegible]. Janitors were [illegible] Maurice [illegible] C. [illegible] The social committee [illegible]. The paint has been [illegible] is being [illegible] A fellowship supper is being planned [illegible]

Oct 19, 1960

Vassalboro Monthly Mtg held at the home of Lawrence + Lillian Haslam. After the Lords Prayer repeated by all Ann Olsen read "Seed of a nation", a story of William Penn from "The Quaker Life". Letters read, one asking if we wished Quaker visitors, another asking for a contribution of $25 for Christian Education. Will discuss these with Louis Marstaller. Records read and approved. Maurice reports the painting finished on the front side of the roof. Present the bills to Treas. The meeting has extended an invitation to the Calvary Crusaders Quartette to come for a Thanksgiving night evening. Sunday School discussed. Bill Olsen has consented to teach the little ones. Carleton Cates, Adult Class and Robert Cates the Juniors. Bill Olsen read an article from N.Y. Times in which the Pacific Y. M suggested giving 1% of ones gross income to U. Nations. An invitation has been extended to Arthur William + Ruth Ann Olsen and daughter Joy to join our meeting. They are members of Oswego Mt Mtg. Rhinebeck N.Y. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Carrolboro Monthly Mtg of Friends Nov-20 '60 at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Hadam. The meeting began by all repeating the Lord's prayer - Minutes of last meeting were read and approved - Paul Cates has written, asking for a sojourning membership to the Berlin Monthly Meeting - All approved and requested the clerk to write a letter for him to the Berlin Mtg - Treasurer reports paid out for fire insurance $21.80 & Paid in for missions [illegible] It has been suggested that The "Quaker Life" be given to all new members - Letters have been received from Oswego Mtg Meeting New York granting the requests of Arthur William Olsen and his wife Ruth for a certificate of transfer and for baby Joy Ruth and recommending them to our Christian care - With pleasure, we accept them into our meeting - No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit - Annabel S. Cates, Clerk -

Dec 11, 1960 Carrolboro Monthly Mtg. of Friends. December 11, 1960, was held at the home of Maurice & Malcena Robbins. All repeated the Lord's Prayer. Minutes were read & approved. Letters were read. Reports from the Moses Brown and Lincoln schools - Faith & Practice will be soon revised. They ask for suggestions to be given before Feb 1. Ask Dina Cleaves if she will help to get donations for the pastor's Christmas gift. Treasurer reports cash on hand 16.78.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit -

Annabel Cates Clerk -

Jan 15, 1961

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Lawrence + Lillian Haslam. Repeat the Lord's prayer. Robert Cates read letters received, Friends general conference, Moses Brown school. A letter from the clerk of the Methodist church of Squantum Mass, signified that Peggy Carleton, a member of our meeting wishes to join that church. The M. meeting asked the clerk to write a letter of removal (This was written Jan 16, '61) Myrtle Austin, chairman of the library com. of the Qt M. sends a list of books available from the Mosher fund. We have asked Ann Olsen to choose three of these books. Quarterly Meeting Feb 5. Delegates Bill + Ann Olsen, Lawrence Haslam, Marian Robbins + Robert Cates. Dinner committee Doris Clowes, Lillian Haslam + Malvina Robbins. Lillian Haslam is asked if she will buy some paper for the tables. The treasurer, Malvina Robbins gave an itemized financial report of 1960. We are all very grateful to her for her excellent work for the meeting. She has taken care of our finances for over twenty years accurately. A letter has come from Gertrude Lawrence telling of the needs of Lily Shatara, a young girl from Ramallah. The Sunday School is interested and is making a special collection for her before Feb 22. Bill Olsen is asked to send for religious posters for the church.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Nora Worth, a member of the Circle died at [illegible] of '61.

Feb. 12, 1961.

Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Lawrence and Lillian Harlan (Feb. 12, 1961) Lords prayer repeated - Records of last mtg. read & approved. Letters were read by A William Olsen. One from Earlham College Friends conference on Race relations. One from Des Moines Iowa from Herbert Hoover requesting that an article be put in our daily paper on Peace. One from the Y. M. missionary conference at Friends' Center mass, Feb 22 Elizabeth Jonitis, speaker. The committee selected to write the Roll Call letter, Benj. H. Cates, Joyce Clowes & Ann Olsen. For devotions, it has been suggested ~~we discuss~~ read the Queries, perhaps two at a meeting beginning with the March meeting. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates, Clerk

March 12, 1961.

Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins. For devotions, the first two queries were read by William Olson & Malvina Robbins, followed by the Lords prayer. Letters told of a meeting Mar 15th at Friends' Center Cambridge. We decide to invite Lawrence White from the Friends Com on National Legislation on Mar. 26. A letter from Yearly Mtg telling of the new home at Hingham. One about Pond Camp. Jerry Cates reported on his stay at camp last summer. General Conference April 6-7. The membership list for 1960 was read & approved. Maurice Robbins & Herbert Cates were appointed as a Cemetery Committee. A suggestion of having a short silence in the meeting met with approval also to have a copy of Faith & practice given to the pastor. The roll call letter is now finished and ready for mailing with Easter envelopes enclosed, given by the pastor Mr. Nutter. A member of long standing, Peter Hayt of Boothbay Harbor passed away Jan 1, 1961. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Peter Hoyt passed away Jan 1, 1961 at Boothbay Harbor

RELIGIÖSE GESELLSCHAFT DER FREUNDE (QUÄKER)
IN DEUTSCHLAND
Gruppe Berlin

February 24th, 1961.

To Annabel Cates,
Clerk of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting,
East Vassalboro, State of Maine,
U.S.A.

Dear Friend Annabel Cates,

In answering your letter of November 20, 1960, I am very glad that I am able to inform you that in their last session at the End of January the Executive Committee has confirmed the membership of Paul Cates to our Society.

The Friends of the Berlin Group had warmly recommended Paul to the Executive Committee, since we have become very fond of Paul and are regarding him as a most valuable member of our Group. Thus we are very happy, indeed, to enter into an even closer relationship with Paul and we will always keep him in our loving care.

I am writing these lines to you on behalf of Berlin Monthly Meeting, while Berlin Friends are sending their warmest wishes and kindest thoughts to Friends of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting.

On behalf of Berlin Monthly
Meeting,

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(Clerk)

Delegates to Q. M. Winthrop Carleton & Annabel Cates

April 16, 1961

Monthly meeting of Friends held at the home of Annabel Cates. For devotions Ann Edmondson read "One solitary life" from Devotions of youth - Minutes read & approved - George Cates read the letters received - Concerning Hingham House, Conference Apr 28 - May 20 - Woolman Hill, Lawrence White, Friends Com. National legislation. Send to Selia Taylor names of Y. M. helpers - Louis Marstellen, Y. M. Bowdoin Equalization fund $15 - Church lawn needs to be raked. Ask younger members. Tennis court - Leave this with Carleton Cates. Volley Ball or badmington is suggested. Treasurer reported $200 left to pay on budget. Arthur Clowes has requested a lot in cemetery. This will be left with Herbert Cates & Maurice Robbins. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates Clerk

May 17, 1961

Monthly Mtg of Friends held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Hanlon. Bill Olsen led devotions by reading 5th + 6th Romans. Records of last meeting was read & approved. Letters were read from Ann Edmondson & Daniel Webber. The membership list was checked. It was decided to send letters to absent members not contributing to the meeting, asking if they wished to continue membership here. A letter was read from Selia Taylor asking help at Yearly Mtg. Ann Olsen says she is available. Bill Olsen is asked to write the president concerning the Cuban situation. It has been decided to changed the S. S and meeting hours. S. S. 9.00 and meeting 10.15 beginning June 11 - for the summer - Avon Institute July 29 - Aug 5 - Mow church lawn Maurice R. Lawrence H., George & Carleton etc. The cemetery problems will be left with Maurice Robbins & Herbert Cates. Gravel is needed for the driveway. This will be left with Edna & Ben C. to contact Merrill -

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel Cates, Clerk

June 11, 1961.

June 20-25 This meeting was omitted. Those who attended Yearly Meeting at Bowdoin College Brunswick, Me were William and Ann Olsen and daughter Joy; Carleton Cates, Richard Cates & Nancy Cates. Those who were priveledged to attend for a short time were Helen Wyman & Margaret Cates, George Cates Ben & Edna Cates and family, Annabel Cates.

July 2, 1961.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Annabel Cates. For devotions Bill Olsen read the eight query on Social Order. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. We decided to cancel the Sunday School through the month of August also the last 2 Sundays will be the church vacation. Delegates appointed to the next Quarterly mtg were Bill & Ann Olsen, Doris Clowes, Carleton Cates & Gerald Cates. Benj. Cates read correspondence. It was decided to have unprogrammed meetings the Sunday evenings of the church vacation and invite the Waterville & So China groups. A minute from the second Woolman Conference on prison reform was read by Bill Olsen. A committee to reorganize the church committees was named Lillian Hodges, Margaret Cates & Marianna Hodgdon. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

August.

All delegates attended Q. M. at So China with the exception of one.

Maurice Robbins and Herbert Cates marked out a cemetery lot for Archie Plummer who paid \$50.00

We regret the passing of our circle member Mrs. Archie Plummer who died suddenly Aug 12.

Sept 10, 1961

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held Sept 10, 1961 at the home of Lawrence + Lillian Haslam. For devotions Malvena Robbins read the 9th Queries followed by the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read + approved. A telephone message from Claribel Mortaller telling us if possible to write immediately to the President of the U.S. protesting against nuclear weapons. The clerk is requested to do this. Letters were read by Robert Cates - no action taken about them. The S.S. was discussed - Benj. Cates is to be asked to be supt, Edna Cates assisting, Malvena, secretary, Herbert Cates, adult class. Ask Bill Cates if he will care for the church lawn this next week. Bill Olsen has a concern. New comers in the community should be visited & give invitation for certain ones to join the meeting. This will be left with some of the elders. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates, clerk.

Oct 8, 1961.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting was held at the home of Lawrence + Lillian Haslam. All repeated the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read + approved. Letters were read. One from Woolman Hill telling of a conference Nov. 11-12 on Friends testimonies + public education, panel members Jane Foster, Hugh Corbin, Margaret Cates, Geo. Bliss. The name of William Olsen given as one who would be interested. A.F.S.C writes a letter to our president protesting against the testing of nuclear weapons. The reports of No. Fairfield Q.M. were given by Annabel Cates + William Olsen. The Sunday School was discussed - Bill Olsen S.S. Supt. Benj. Cates assisting supt, teachers, Marie Robbins, Joyce Rowe, Joyce Olsen, Connie La Plante, Annie Mitten, George Cates, Robert Cates, Bill Olsen. Maurice Robbins reports that the front walk of the church needs repairing. Archie Plummer says he will give lumber if the others do the carpentering. This will be left with Herbert Cates. Delegates to the coming Q.M. at Oak Grove - William + Ann Olsen, Annabel Cates. No further demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. [illegible] Cates, clerk [illegible] former list Page 121, [illegible]

1961 Committees and members.

Pastoral	Annabel Cates	Honorary members -
	Maurice Robbins	Maude Webber.
	Malvena Robbins	Millicent Webber
	Lawrence Haslam	Dr. S. C. Cates.
	Lillian Haslam	
	George Cates	
	Doris Clowes	
	William Olsen	
	Benj. Cates	
	Edna Cates	
Property & Finance	Maurice Robbins	Dr. Robert Wilson
	George Cates	Alfred Taylor.
	Lawrence Haslam	Norman Clowes.
	Benj. Cates	
	Herbert Cates	
Music	Coraline Cates	Annabel Cates
	Doris Clowes	Benj. Cates
	Herbert Cates	Joyce Clowes
	Mildred Taylor	
Visiting &	Lillian Haslam	
	Mildred Taylor	
	Doris Clowes	
	Mae Cates	
	Ann Olsen.	
Social	Mae Cates	Robert Cates
	Edna Cates	Richard Cates
	Margaret Cates	Gerold Cates
	Malvena Robbins	William Cates.
	Gerald Robbins	
Peace & Social Concerns	George Cates	
	Benj. Cates	
	Eleanor Wilson	
	William Olsen	
Christian Education	Malvena Robbins	Joyce Clowes.
	William Olsen	Maxine Robbins
	Benj. Cates	June Ross.
	Lillian Haslam	
Missionary &	Malvena Robbins	
	Mildred Taylor	
	Annabel Cates.	

Nov 12 1961.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met with Maurice and Malvina Robbins. Lord's prayer. Minutes of last meeting read + approved. Maurice Robbins reported that the furnace had been serviced - It was decided to have a weekly unprogrammed meeting Sun. nights until further notice. George Cates reported on the Quarterly Mtg at Oak Grove School - Ann Olsen presented a concern for the assistance for the Hallowell School for Girls. At this month's Friendly Circle Meeting it was decided to help the "Little Wanderers" by sewing and knitting garments.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates, clerk -

Dec 12 1961 -

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met with Lawrence Lillian Hadlum. For devotions George Cates read an account of the Worlds Conference in Africa by Ward Applegate. Followed by the Lords prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read + approved - It was decided to write inactive members regarding keeping their membership on the books. Letters were read by George Cates, from Robert Lyons, about the Woolman Hill Conference, Robert Owen who suggests a work shop to help the Y. M pay the 5 yrs M. their quota. One from Richard Gove who is concerned about the China Camp and suggests a special collection next unprogrammed meeting Dec 31. Feb M. M a Carry-in supper - Bill Olsen has a concern that we give gifts to the State Hospital patients Augusta.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

Jan 14, 1962.

Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins. All repeated the Lords prayer. Queries were read by Malvina Robbins. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Delegates to the coming Quarterly meeting which to be held Feb 3 at E. Vassalboro are Doris Clowes, — Olsen & Maurice Robbins. The dinner committee for Quarterly Mtg. is Mae Cates, Lillian Haslam & Joyce Clowes. Next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Annabel Cates with a carry in supper. Meeting will be held at 3.30 Feb 11 followed by supper. Doris Clowes & Edna Cates are asked to write up the Spiritual growth of the meeting. Letters were read by George Cates. A minute of concern about the missiles (nuclear) was read which has been approved by Dover & Vassalboro, the N. E. Yearly Mtg and Social Concerns com. A letter of thanks was read from Francis Sleeper, Supt of State Hospital, for gifts sent to the patients. A letter of thanks from Maurice & Esther Farrar for the gift given them while Esther was ill. An article was read about Quaker schools. The financial report of the church was presented by the treasurer Malvina Robbins, audited by George Cates. We are all grateful to Malvina for her painstaking work for us. Cemetery problems are to be left with Herbert Cates & Maurice Robbins. We are glad to welcome David William Olsen son of A. William & Ann Olsen as a member of our meeting.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel Cates - Clerk

Feb 11, 1962.

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam. After a period of silence all repeated the Lords prayer & the meeting was opened for business. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters were read by George Cates. A report on progress and needs of Friendsville Academy Tennessee, was heard with interest. It was noted that ten dollars had been sent to the Academy in the name of the Monthly meeting. The $200 Cemetery care bequest from Florence Pettingill was discussed and it was decided to keep the fund in the savings bank for the time being. Letters were also read from Ernest Reed reporting Beacon Hills Friends House and from A.F.S.C. regarding the Cuban refugee situation. Robert Cates was appointed as representative to the arrangement committee of the yearly meeting. Roll call meeting is set for March 11, in conjunction with Monthly meeting. Committees of the roll call and social committee were appointed to make plans for the day. The roll call letter was read and approved.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

Benj. H. Cates, asst. clerk
(Annabel Cates Clerk)

March 11, 1962 -

Monthly meeting of Friends and the roll call meeting was held at the church at 4 30 P. M. The meeting was opened with a period of silence followed by the Lord's prayer. Letters were read and discussed -

Malvina Robbins gave a financial report & of current bills, It was decided to use funds from the roll call proceeds to pay our bills, the rest to go to the Y. M. Quota.

Delegates to the Quarterly Meeting in May were named Eleanor Wilson, Annabel Cates Malvina & Maurice Robbins.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benj. H. Cates, asst clerk
(Annabel Cates Clerk)

Following the monthly meeting, the roll call letters were read & enjoyed -
All enjoyed a carry - in supper -

Apr 8, 1962 Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins April 8 1962. A period of silence was followed by prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The treasurer Malvina Robbins reports the quota all paid but $70.– Letters were read by George Cates. An announcement of N. E. Yearly Mtg. of Friends to be held at Pembroke College & Moses Brown School at Providence R. I. June 19-24-1962. 302nd annual session. Registration blanks of Friends' China Camp; July 1, 13 (Seniors) July 14-27 (Grade school) July 28 - Aug 10 (Junior High) - Friends' Witness for world order. April 28 - May 1. Peace work - High School. Seminar at Friendly Crossways, Littleton Mass May 18, 19, 20 - High School institute Aug 24-30, 1962 - Friends General Conference tells of the program at Cape May N. J. June 22-29, 1962. The question of selling the library lot to Kenneth Masse for $500.00 is presented. All agreed. The church is in need of repair. This will be left to the property committee. Archie Plummer has offered to give the lumber for the church piazza. Maurice Robbins is asked to get the paint for the roof.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

May 18, 1962.

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Doris & Arthur Clowes. The Lord's prayer repeated after a period of silence. Minuts of the last meeting were read & approved. The treasurer reports the Y. Meeting quota all paid. The "library" lot belonging to the meeting has been sold to Kennet Maare for $500.00/ Cost of having the deed investigate $90 of which Kenneth paid 25 - $435 the church received. Norman Whitney with friends will speak and show slides on Peace, May 23 at church. All delegates were present save one at the Quarterly Mtg. at Winthrop. Letters were read by Malvena Robbins. It was decided to send $10 for the Equalization fund of the Yearly Meeting. Five years meeting report was given. A letter from Clarence Pickett was read recommending Friends' communities to take foreign students during the summer months.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Coates, clerk -

June 10, 1962.

Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins. After a period of silence all repeated the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The treasurer reported $10.00 had been sent to the Y. M. treasurer for the Equalization fund. Thanks were extended to Maurice Robbins for the care, paint & labor on the church roof. The cost of outside labor was $37.50 The church platform has been completed, thanks to Herbert Cates, Gerald Robbins, Arthur Clowes, Maurice Robbins, Ben Cates & Richard Cates. Special thanks to Archie Plummer for donating the lumber. The Church vacation will take place the last 2 weeks in August. It was decided to call Mr. Nutter for another year at $10 a week. Supplies during Feb & March to be paid $10. wkly.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates. clerk.

July 15, 1962 -

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins Sunday evening. The Lords Prayer was repeated after a period of silence. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Delegates to Quarterly meeting at So China, Aug 4, were named Doris Clowes, Malvina Robbins, Margaret Cates, Gerry Cates and Lillian Haslam. Letters were read by Doris Clowes. It was noted that a television program The Gentle Persuaders with Drew Pearson will be presented July 30 by N.B.C. The treasurer reported that to date all bills are paid. She also stated that the deed of the E. Benton meeting house is held by the trustee.

Plans are underway for a food sale to be held the 5th week in August (Saturday). No business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Arnold Cates Clerk.

Aug 12, 1962

Due to other activities this meeting was omitted. However on Aug 17, an unprogrammed meeting for worship was enjoyed at the cottage of Mary Hoxie Jones. Members and guests of the Quarterly meeting attended!

A.L.C. Clerk.

Sept 12, 1962

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins Wednesday evening. All repeated the Lords prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Delegates to the next Quarterly meeting to be held at No. Fairfield Oct 6 were named as follows: Frank Edmondson, Ann Edmondson, Doris Clowes, Gerald Cates, Coraline Cates. (All were able to be present save one). Letters were read by the asst. Supt Benjamin Cates. One from Kenneth & Helen La Fleur, who are settled in Wayland Mass where Kenneth is pastor at the First Parish Church there. Letters were read from Lila Taylor & Jane Cook, concerning the No. Fairfield meeting. A guest book has been suggested for the church. Doris Clowes is asked if she will find one for the meeting. A letter from Lucy Henderson read in appreciation of the floral tribute given for Herschal's funeral. Sunday school teachers are suggested: - Alice Mitton, Robert Cates (suggested Supt.) Frank & Ann Edmondson, Asst. Supt Malvina Robbins, Joyce Clowes, Maxine Robbins. The lawn roller of the church is missing. All are asked to investigate. It was suggested that members of the property committee visit the East Benton meeting, informing them of the deed to their meeting house. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

Maud V. Webber died Sept 20, 1962 at the age of 85 years. She was a birthright Friend, the daughter of Oren and Robina Webber -

Oct. 21, 1962.

Monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins. All repeated the Lords prayer. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. Letters were read by Geo. Cates. Friends suggested to receive the Friends Journal were Malvina Robbins, Lillian Haslam, Doris Jones, Benj. Cates, Herbert Cates & Mildred Taylor. It was decided to get some door knob hangers for the Sunday School dept. The treasurer reported all bills paid, also that Harold Taylor has generously donated 100 to the church in memory of his wife Lula. The lawn roller has been found. Delegates to the next Quarterly mtg. at Oak Grove school were named Lillian Haslam, Malvina Robbins, Herbert Cates, Caroline Cates, Anna Edmundson. (All were present save three. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude our session to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Nov 18, 1962.

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met with Lawrence & Lillian Haslam. The meeting opened with all repeating the Lords prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters received were read by Lillian Haslam & Benjamin Cates. No action was taken on these. The one on [illegible] [illegible] was transferred to the Sunday School students who are sponsoring this project. Lillian Haslam read a very interesting letter from Phillip & Virginia Towle who are now missionaries in Kenya Africa. An invitation has been extended to Frank Edmundson to join our meeting. He is a member of the Miami meeting in Ohio. He is supt. of our Sunday School, taking the place of William Olson who has moved to N. Zealand. It has been decided to donate Christmas gifts to the State Hospital. Edna Cates has been put in charge of these gifts. The deed to the Plummer cemetery lot has been made out and given to Archie Plummer. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Dec 9, 1962 -

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Maynard & Marjorie Robbins. After a period of silence, all repeated the Lords prayer. Minutes were read & approved. Letters were read by our clerk Benj. Cates. On Feb 1st the youth group of the Quarterly Meetings in Maine will hold their all day meeting at this meeting house. Members are glad to help in any way with this project. An interesting letter from Ernest Hall was read about the work at Beacon Hill Friend's house. It was decided to send three [illegible] to the American Section & Fellowship Council of the [illegible] World committee. The Sunday School [illegible] coming quarter are Maxine Robbins, Joyce [illegible] Norma Delbert Mitchell & Frank & Jean Edmondson [illegible] It is a pleasure to have Jean Frost with us [illegible] has a concern for all to [illegible] No further business [illegible] attention we conclude, expecting to meet again at the usual time if the Lord wills -

Annabel Cates, clerk -

("In January Rev Claude Mullen completed four^{4} years as Pastor of this meeting. He has served us acceptably and faithfully. He was granted a leave of absence in Feb & Mar of 1963 in order to visit his son & family in Louisiana. While there he underwent a serious operation. During his absence the pulpit was ably and acceptably filled by the following ministers, Rev. Eugene Crane of Auburn Me, Rev. Benj Burbee of China, Me, Lelia Taylor of Cornish Me, Rev John Mannmaker of Augusta Me, Rev Elmer Beatty, Augusta Rev & Alice Brough Fairfield, Joseph Mills, Portland, William R. Ruble, Augusta and Charles Wadsworth, Portland, Me")

Jan 20, 1963.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Harlan. For devotions Ann Edmondson read a tribute to Rufus Jones This month marked the centennial of his birth. This was followed by the Lord's prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Delegates named for the next Quarterly meeting to be held here on February 2nd were Margaret Cates, Doris Clowes, Ann Edmondson, Lawrence & Lillian Harlan. The dinner committee Doris Clowes, Malvina Robbins, Coralie Cates & Ann Edmondson. The young Friend's group of Maine plan to meet Feb 9. Edna Cates is put in charge with Margaret Cates assisting. A letter was read from Martha Custer, Be Anna requesting that we send her the names of three books to be received from the Marker fund. Margaret Cates is named to select these books. Thanks is received from the Ward committee for the donation of three dollars. Lillian Harlan & Malvina Robbins were named to write the spiritual condition of the meeting to be read at the Quarterly mtg. at Winthrop in May. David Stanfield the Sec. of Stewardship and finance of the 5 years meeting is available from March 12th through March 15th. Contact Ernest Ward if we wish him to come. The Report of Robert Brown of the finance committee is read. A letter from Arthur Williams of New Zealand is read. Louis Marstaller is concerned about the meeting at Maple Grove which has three members. If they wish we would be willing to have them join our meeting.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

Feb. 10, 1963

Due to illness and bad weather conditions, this meeting was cancelled.

Dr. Samuel Clark Cates passed away Feb. 1963 at the home of his son Howard at No. Hampton N.H. He was a birthright Friend, the son of David Buffum & Annabel Clark Cates. He died at the age of 72.

March 10, 1963.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Doris & Arthur Clowes. For devotions all repeated the Lords prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Letters were read by Benjamin Cates, ass. clerk. Books selected from those to be given by the Mosher fund were three English Bibles for the Sunday School. The five years meeting of Friends extend invitations to all Friends to join in the sessions held at Richmond, Indiana (Earlham college) July 19-25. Committees appointed were Lillian Harlan & George Cates to write up the spiritual condition of the meeting. Annabel Cates & Lillian Harlan to revise the church committees. Doris Clowes & Malvena Robbins to write and send the Roll Call letter. Malvena Robbins presents the 1962 financial report of the meeting. We are all very grateful for her faithful work. For the Rural Ministers to be held in Boston in April, Margaret Cates was named observer. In the future the unprogrammed meeting will be held from 9-9.45. Thanks are extended to George Cates and Arthur Clowes for keeping its church yard clear of snow this past winter.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

April 21, 1963

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lawrence & Lillian Haslam Sunday evening - Malvena Robbins read the Scriptures which was followed by the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A letter from Arthur William Dinn was read requesting a transfer letter from our meeting to one in New Zealand, for him, wife and his family. His request was granted - Thomas Painter of the Five years meeting is expected May 1-2. A meeting has been planned for Thursday evening the second. The three English Bibles have been received and turned over to the Sunday School Supt. Delegates chosen for the Winthrop Quarterly Meeting Sat. May 4 were Lillian Haslam Doris Clowes, Malvena Robbins + Annabel Cates (All were present save one). Malvena Robbins reports $250 has been paid on the quota for yearly meeting and $336 remains unpaid. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit -

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

1963 Committee Members.

Ministry & Counsel

Maurice Robbins
Malvena Robbins
Lawrence Haslam
Lillian Haslam
Doris Clowes
Mae Cates
Annabel Cates

Honorary

Guy Whitten
Millicent Webber
Jesse Brown
Fred Pope
Robert Webber

Pastoral

George Cates
Margaret Cates
Benj. Cates
Edna Cates
Herbert & Coraleen Cates
Gerald & Maxine Robbins
Frank & Anne Edmondson

Non Resident

Helen Wyman
Methyl Thibedeau
Wallace Robbins
Carlton Cates
~~Howard Cates~~

Property - Finance	Maurice Robbins George Cates Lawrence Haslam Benjamin Cates Herbert Cates		Non Resident Dr. Robert Wilson Norman Clowes -
Music	Caroline Cates Ann Edmondson.		
Visiting	Lillian Haslam Doris Clowes Mae Cates Mildred Taylor.		
Social	Mae Cates Edna Cates Margaret Cates Malvina Robbins Gerald Robbins	Robert Cates Richard Cates Gerald Cates William Cates	Non Resident Marian Murray Jean Roden
Christian Education	Frank & Ann Edmondson Malvina Robbins Benjamin Cates Lillian Haslam Joyce Clowes Maxine Robbins Joyce Rowe		
Missionary	Malvina Robbins Mildred Taylor Annabel Cates		
Cemetery	Maurice Robbins Herbert Cates		
Peace & Social Concerns	George Cates Eleanor Wilson Frank Edmondson		Non Resident Paul Cates Constance Wilson Roger Wilson -
Treasurer	Malvina Robbins.		
Clerk	Annabel Cates		Auditor - George Cates -

May 12, 1963

Due to illness this meeting was omitted -

June 9, 1963

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Mae Cates. In devotionals all repeated the Lords prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Letters were read by Malvina Robbins - No action taken - The cemetery fence needs painting. A suggestion is made to contact some of the absent members for donations towards the paint. A number of window panes in the Church needs replacing. Mae Cates has contacted Mr. LeClair to do this - A suggestion is made to invite the field secretary to meet with us at a Monthly meeting for general discussion - No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit -

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

July 21, 1963.

Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins. Malvina read the Queries, which was followed by the Lords prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. A letter of appreciation from Lillian Haslam for the gift of flowers was read. Delegates to the next Quarterly Meeting were Doris Clowes, Lillian Haslam & Effie Cates - one attending - A suggestion is made that a note of thanks be sent to Carleton Cates and the Pond Camp crew for painting the cemetery fence. A committee is named for the Friendly Circle booth at Old Home Week celebration at North Vassalboro - Doris Clowes, Mildred Taylor and Lillian Haslam. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

Lawrence Haslam passed away July 1 1963 at his home. He was the son of William and Clara Haslam He was 72- Lawrence will be missed. When possible he was always at his church on Sunday-

Aug. 11, 1963-

This meeting was cancelled. An unprogrammed meeting was held on Aug 19th at the cottage of Mary Hazie James at So China. This was well attended & enjoyed by all. Many from Winthrop, No. Fairfield Waterville, as well as from So. China & East Vassalboro were present.

Sept 15, 1963-

Monthly meeting was held at the home of Lillian Haslam For devotions Doris Clowes read the first query, followed by the Lord's prayer. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved. Delegates to the next Quarterly meeting at No. Fairfield were named. Lillian Haslam Malvina Robbins & Doris Clowes. A motion was made to have Paul Cates speak to the meeting some evening if he can arrange it. A letter was read from the New Zealand meeting of Friends accepting Arthur William Olsen (& Ann family as members of their meeting (New Zealand, No. Palmerston July 7) Donations for paint for Cemetery fence have been given by Guy Whitten and Louise Cates Clark - Discussion of church problems and Sunday school were held - A suggestion is made for music in church, Junior & Senior choirs -

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit -

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

Oct 20, 1963-

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Mae Cates with good attendance. Lessons were read by Malvina Robbins followed by the Lords Prayer. Records of the last meeting were read & approved. Delegates to the next Quarterly meeting held at Oak Grove school were named, Frank & Ann Edmondson, Lillian Harlan, Doris Clowes, Herbert Cates.

Letters were read by Malvina Robbins. It is suggested that one from the Friends Service Committee of coming important meetings at Phila. be sent to Robert Cates who is attending college near by at Haverford. The Sunday School situation is discussed. A suggestion is made that a letter of thanks be sent to Lloyd Ireland of Smithfield for his generosity in letting the Sunday School children have the use of his skating rink free of charge, at their picnic in August. The treasurer reports $75 has been given by the Friendly Circle and that $100 has been sent to the Yearly Meeting treas. Word has been received from Santa Barbara, California, that Jessie M. Brown one of our oldest members, passed away Sept. She was 81 years of age, the widow of Edward A. Brown. Formerly living in Vassalboro they were active members of this meeting for years.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel S. Cates, Clerk

Nov. 17, 1963-

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins. For devotions an article from the Missionary advocate by Ruth Replogle was read. This told of missionary work in Bolivia. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Delegates at Oak Grove Quarterly Meeting, one was present. It was decided to give the Scout leaders permission to hold the Scouts Area meeting at the meeting house Wednesday evening. Letters were read by Lillian Haslam. It was decided to send $3.00 to the Friends World committee. Send for packet from Youth dept, Richmond Indiana. A house warming for Frank & Ann Edmondson was planned for Sat. evening, Nov 30. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit- Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Dec. 8, 1963.

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Doris & Arthur Clowes- For devotions an article on Christmas, was read from the Missionary Advocate also the letter from the U. S. F. W. (united society of Friends women's president, Agnes Lund, of Illinois. The packet for youth has arrived and will be passed to the Sunday school supt. Records of last meeting were read & approved. Letters were read by Paul Cates. A Christmas letter from William Olsen of N Zealand was enjoyed. It was decided to send three dollars to the Five Years Mtg. As usual we will send a box of Christmas gifts to the Augusta State Hospital. We have asked Lillian Haslam to help collect the Christmas gift, for the minister, Claude Nutter- No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates - Clerk -

Jan 19, 1964.

Monthly meeting was held at the home of Maurice & Malvina Robbins. A short period of silence & meditation was followed by the Lord's prayer. Records of last meeting were read & approved. Delegates named to attend the next Quarterly meeting to be held at E. Vassalboro on Feb 1st were Doris Clowes, Effie Cates & Edna Cates. The dinner committee Malvina Robbins, Doris Clowes & Annabel Cates. Carlton & George Cates are to be asked to write the spiritual condition of the meeting. Frank Edmondson, Edna Cates & Gerald Cates are suggested to write the roll call letter. The sum of thirty dollars was collected for the Christmas gift of the pastor. Correspondence was read by Herbert Cates. A card was received from Lelia Taylor offering to help with food for Quarterly mtg. It was thought that outsiders desiring to help, might be asked to bring desserts. A letter was read in regard to the Y. Meeting youth worker project and contributions requested. also Herbert reported that a canvass of members was in process. Statistical report forms have been received. The treasurer reports that $370 has been sent to the Y. Meeting treasurer on our budget. The total quota is $800. It was felt that the membership list should be revised before the statistical report is sent. Gerald Cates gave an interesting report of the Mid winter Conference at Woolman Hill. Herbert Cates spoke of the new meeting at Camden, which is interested in becoming a monthly mtg. and being affiliated with Vassalboro Quarterly meeting. The yearly meeting financial report was read & approved. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benj. H. Cates, asst. Clerk

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QUARTERLY MEETING

One of the largest quarterly meetings to be held in recent years took place Saturday, Feb 1, at the East Vassalboro Friend Meeting House.

Delegates from all monthly meetings were present. From South China Ralph W. Austin Marian E. Jones and Mae Carvell. From North Fairfield Roy Cannon Ernest Cannon. Kathleen Taylor and Stephen Taylor. From Winthrop Sally Towle, Frances Liskness and Hazel Foster. From Oak Grove School Robert and Eva Owen and from East Vassalboro. Edna Cates Doris Clowes and Effie Cates.

Speakers at the meeting for worship in the forenoon were Ernest Weed. head of Beacon Mill Friends House. Boston: David Witherell. guidance director of Brunswick High School; Louis Marstellar. field secretary of New England yearly meeting; Lelia Taylor, pastor of North Faifield meeting: David Van Strien, pastor of South China Community Church: Claude Nutter, pastor of East Vassalboro meeting Herbert Kimball pastor of Durham meeting, and Grace Frost of Waterville.

The young people met with Beatrice Kimball of Durham. leader. Dinner was served after which the meeting of Ministry and Council met with Leilia Taylor leader. George Cates presided at the afternoon meeting assisted by Grace Frost. David Van Strien. a former missionary to Japan spoke on Recollections of Japan.

Reports were given by Robert Cates. a student of Haverford College.

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Feb 9, 1964

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Doris + Arthur Clowes. For devotions Doris Clowes read a missionary report of Friends Relief mission to Cuba by American Friends Service Committee, taken from the Friends Missionary Advocate. Records of the last meeting were read + corrected. The correspondence was read by Benj Cates asst. clerk. Clarabel Marstaller sent a membership list of our meeting to be corrected also a list of available missionary speakers. Beatrice Kimball, asst. treas. of the United Society of Friends Women wrote reminding us of a Missionary meeting at Cambridge March the 21st. Malvena Robbins + Doris Clowes are named as delegates. Tom Bodine writes of a Peace Witness March 27th at Boston. Margaret Cates is named as overseer. Three associate members of this meeting are named as being the age to be changed to active membership. The sum of ten dollars has been paid for furnace repairs. A suitable date for the Roll call meeting is some time in March; the letter should be written soon.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates. Clerk

March 8, 1964. Monthly Meeting was held at the home of Maurice + Malvena Robbins. For devotions, the first 2 queries were read. A certificate of transfer was approved for Roger Wilson to the Burlington Monthly Meeting Vermont. It was tentatively decided to hold the roll call meeting in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting the twelfth of April and plan a covered dish supper for the occasion. Malvena Robbins will assist with the roll call letter. The correspondence was read + discussed. No action taken. A cemetery lot has been requested by Constance for Clowes. This lot was granted for $50. Deed to the Cates lot will be made out to Mae Cates + Harry + Peggy Carlton. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Benj F. Cates asst. Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly meeting was held at the home of Annabel Cates April 12 1964. A carry-in supper was enjoyed at seven o'clock. Members from out of town were, Eleanor Wilson, Jefferson, Helen & Manson Wyman & family, No. Bristol, Ann Edmondson Smithfield, Carleton & Saundra Cates Farmington The meeting began with all repeating the Lord's prayer. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. (This meeting was roll call in conjunction with Monthly meeting) Each member present had a testimony. Letters were read by Ben Cates, ass. clerk. Delegates to next Quarterly meeting at Winthrop were, Lillian Haslam, Doris Clowes, Malvena Robbins Margaret Cates. On Easter Sunday three members were added, Frank Edmondson transferred from the Miami meeting of Ohio Peter Cates & Nancy Cates from associate to active members. Three books from the Mosher fund will be added to the church library. The meeting donates $20. to the equalization fund of the Yearly meeting. Lillian Haslam has agreed to write of the spiritual condition of the meeting, to be presented at the next Quarterly meeting. Songs were sung by Saundra & Carleton Cates. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, clerk.

May 17, 1964 Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lillian Haslam. All repeated the Lord's prayer. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved. A letter is read from Frank & Ann Edmondson who resign as supts. of the Sunday-school. The names of Carleton & Saundra Cates are suggested as new leaders. A note of thanks from the head of the girls scouts, Nancy Davison for the use of the church was read. Church Vacation has been named the last 2 weeks in August. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends took place June 16-21-1964 at Pembroke College & Moses Brown School at Providence, Rhode Island. This was the 304th session. Those who were able to attend from this meeting were Malvina Robbins, Annabel Cates, Margaret Cates, Helen Wyman and children, Coraline Cates, children, Peter, Stephen, Laura Lee & Brian Cates, Robert Cates and Gerald Cates -

The June Monthly meeting was omitted -

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

July 12, 1964.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lillian Hanson. For devotions Doris Clowes read the first three queries followed by the first prayer. Representatives to the next quarterly meeting were named Malvina Robbins, George Cates, Effie Cates, [illegible] [illegible] Cates, Mildred Taylor. Letters read by asst Clerk Benj. Cates, one about the Caravan group - no action taken. Malvina Robbins gave a report of the cemetery etc. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The Cates lot, Le Chance and Woodson Page lot - also repairs [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] this with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Revise the membership list immediately - and send letters of dismissal is the sense of the meeting.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, proposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit -

Annabel Cates Clerk -

Aug 9, 1964.

Due to other activities, this meeting was cancelled. Those to attend Quarterly meeting at So China were George Cates, Effie Cates & Carleton Cates. This meeting was unusually large and much enjoyed.

Sept 13, 1964.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lillian Haslam. Rev. Claude Nutter led devotions with a beautiful prayer. Records of the last meeting were read + approved. Representatives named to attend the North Fairfield Quarterly meeting were Malvina Robbins, George Cates + Gerald Cates.

Mr. Nutter asked for leave of absence for the three winter months, January, February + March. All agreed to this. Carlton Cates had a concern that while Mr. Nutter is away to have Friends' meetings. All agreed to this and a committee of four were named to plan these meetings, Carlton Cates, Herbert Cates, Edna Cates & Frank Edmondson. The letter to be sent to absent members has been written and approved.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, clerk.

Oct 18, 1964.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held at the home of Lillian Haslam Sunday evening. Records of last meeting were read + approved. Representatives named for the No. Quarterly mtg at Oak Grove school were Paul Cates, Effie Cates, Lillian Haslam + Herbert Emmons Cates. A committee named to revise the committees consists of Lillian Haslam, Edna Cates + Malvina Robbins. Letters were read by Paul Cates, one of interest from the Friends' General Conference. This was left for Paul to consider and answer. The clerk is asked to send letters of removal to Chas + Estella Austin + family, Esther Farrar, Beatrice Oakes, Loretta Robbins Veilleux + family, Elliot Williams, Russell Weeks, Helen Young + Guy Whitten.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Nov. 8, 1964

This meeting was cancelled. Letters of removal have been sent as directed. No one responded but one. Russell Weeks requested that his name stay on the books as he has been a member for 82 years. He has been reinstated. Representatives named for the Nov. meeting at Oak Grove School were all present save one.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

Dec 13, 1964.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting was held at the home of the clerk. Louis Marstaller, field secretary of the yearly meeting was present. After the Lord's prayer records of Oct. & Nov. were read. Benj. Cates, assistant clerk, read the letters received. It was decided to renew the subscription of the news letter on National Legislation. The name of Margaret Cates was suggested as a representative of the meeting at the United Nations conference Feb 4-5. The program committee reported the Jan. 10 meeting will begin at 10.30 with S.S. at 11.30. Ed Hinshaw will be guest speaker. Peter Jonitis is expected Jan 17. The program committee will have charge of the meetings. The treasurer, Malvena Robbins reports that $450. has been sent to the yearly Meeting treasurer, John Taylor. Louis Marstaller tolds of Lindley Cook, of Nebraska, a former minister at Portland, who is of retirement age. Members agreed that it would be a privilege for us to have them in our community. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Jan 10, 1965-

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lillian Haslam Sunday evening. After repeating the Lords prayer the records of the last meeting was read & approved. Lillian Haslam, Doris Clowes & Carlton Cates were named to write the roll call letter of 1965. The representatives named to attend the quarterly meeting in February were Ann & Frank Edmondson, Maurice Robbins, Edna Cates, Coraline Cates & Peter Cates. The Quarterly meeting dinner committee consisted of Doris Clowes, Malvina Robbins Lillian Haslam, Saundra Cates & Effie Cates. The revised list of committees by Malvina Robbins & Lillian Haslam was read.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again in February at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk-

1965 Committee members—

Ministry &	Annabel Cates	Benjamin & Edna Cates
Counsel	Maurice Robbins	~~Herbert & Coraline Cates~~
Pastoral	Malvina Robbins	Frank & Ann Edmondson
	Lillian Haslam	Gerald & Maxine Robbins
	Doris Clowes.	Helen Wyman
	George Cates	Margaret Cates
	Herbert & Coraline Cates	Carlton & Saundra Cates

Property &
Finance

Maurice Robbins
Herbert Cates
George Cates
Benjamin Cates
Gerald Robbins

Music

Coraline Cates
Effie Cates
Ann Edmondson
Saundra & Carlton Cates

1965 Committee members - cont.

Visiting
Lillian Haslam
Doris Clowes
Mildred Taylor
Malvina Robbins

Social
Edna Cates
Margaret Cates
Malvina Robbins
Maxine Robbins
Richard Cates
Gerald Cates
William Cates
Peter Cates
Nancy Cates

Christian Education
Carlton Cates
Saundra Cates
Frank Edmondson
Joyce Rowe
~~Frank~~ Amy Edmondson
Lillian Haslam
Malvina Robbins
Maxine Robbins
Nancy Cates

Missionary
Malvina Robbins
Annabel Cates
Mildred Taylor
Doris Clowes.

Cemetery
Maurice Robbins
Herbert Cates
Benjamin Cates.

Peace & Social Concerns
George Cates
Eleanor Wilson
Frank Edmondson.

Treas. Malvina Robbins.

Clerk Annabel Cates

Auditor George Cates.

Feb 21, 1965

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Annabel Cates. The Lord's prayer was repeated by all. Records of last meeting were read and approved. The list of committee members was read and approved. Letters were read by Annabel Cates. It was decided to send a donation to the Friends Committee on National Legislation. The roll call letter is being written. The adults of the church will lead the Mar 28 meeting.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates Clerk -

March 17, 1965 -

Vassalboro Monthly meeting was held Wed afternoon at the home of Malvina Robbins. This meeting was in conjunction with a planning meeting for the next Sunday's services. The Lords prayer was repeated. Records of last meeting were read & approved. It was reported that some of the exterior of the meeting house needed painting. This was left with the property committee. The treasurer reported the (y.m.) quota nearly paid. Letters were read. The letter telling of the meeting March 27 of the United Society of Friends Women was read & considered.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit — Annabel Cates, clerk. -

At the Vassalboro Monthly Mtg of Jan 11, it was decided to revise the membership list. Since then it has been proposed to wait until the roll call letter is sent and be guided by the responses received. In accordance with Faith & Practice Page 92 no 4, "we will remove names from our list of members unless we hear to the contrary." This was sent to certain members. Only one asked to be retained. -

April 4, 1965

A special meeting of Vassalboro Monthly meeting was held at the home of Maurice + Mabena Robbins Sunday evening - After all repeating the Lord's prayer the records of the last meeting were read + approved. Letters received were read by George Cates - One from Chapel Hill Monthly meeting No Carolina, told of their growing concern about the grave situation in So East Asia, particularly in Vietnam and seeking solutions. Many letters were read concerning conferences during the spring + summer. A letter from Beacon Hill Friends house told of the splendid work of Ernest + Esther Weed there. The Peace witness will be held in Boston on good Friday April 16 - from 11.00 A.M to 4 P.M. A letter from Martin Luther King invited us to donate to his cause. This will be left to individuals. The Somerset Hills N.J. Monthly meeting sent us a copy of their letter to President Johnson urging him to call a White House Conference on population. Doris Clowes read the roll call letter which has been written by her + Lillian Harlan to be sent to absent members - This was passed to Benj. Cates for printing - We were reminded that parts of the church need painting - The property committee with Maurice Robbins chairman, will attend to this -

Carleton Cates, Frank Edmondson + Herbert Cates members of the planning committee gave reports of the morning services of the last three months. These were so satisfactory, it was decided to continue with Friends speakers for the time being with the morning service at 10.30. As the days are longer now, a suggestion was made to have Sunday School at 9.30. Also suggestion to close the morning service promptly and to rotate the committee at the next Monthly meeting.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

Representatives to Q. M. Winthrop Edna Cates, George Cates, Effie Cates, Gerald Cates - (all present)

May 2, 1965

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Doris & Arthur Clowes. The Lords prayer was repeated by all. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The roll call meeting was held at the church today, in place of the regular service. Doris Clowes & Lillian Haslam were in charge and read messages from absent members. Music and testimonies, made the meeting a beautiful one. || Letters brought were read by Benj. Cates, asst. Clerk. It was approved to contribute $10 for the trip to England this summer for Kathleen Taylor who has been chosen to travel for the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage. Also to send five dollars to Happy Grove school in Jamaica in memory of Clara & Elda Henderson. A letter from Friendsville Tenn. was read, accepting the resignation of Saundra Cates in favor of this meeting. We are very pleased to accept Saundra as a member with us. Friend's China camp programs were distributed. Plans were made to attend the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Rev & Mrs. Nutter. Collections for a gift was left with Doris Clowes. Maurice Robbins & Benj Cates were left in charge of safe guarding the ditch outside the church lawn.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

The treasurer was advised to send $95 for the equalization fund to the yearly meeting.

June 13, 1965 -

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held Sunday evening at the home of Annabel Cates. The Lords prayer was repeated by all. Edna Cates read a beautiful poem taken from the Missionary Advocate. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Letters were read by the assistant clerk Benj. Cates. No action taken on any of them. Suggestions were made to change the names of the planning committee. Decision to be made at the July meeting. Annual reports from the Yearly meeting were distributed. Robert Cates told of the North American Young Friends conference at Indiana. We name him our representative (Aug. 28 to Sept. 4). Speakers for the coming meetings were discussed. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit -

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

July 11, 1965 & August.

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lillian Haslam. After the Lord's prayer, Doris Clowes read "Who are Friends" by Seth Hinshaw. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Robert Cates has been named our representative to the Young Friends' Conference. We will give $20.00 toward his expenses. Representatives to the Quarterly meeting at So China are Lillian Haslam, Doris Clowes, Malvina Robbins, Carleton & Saundra Cates. Letters were read by Carleton Cates. An invitation has been extended to the meeting to attend the Sunday musical programs at the music camp at Oakland. Herbert Cates suggests the name "planning" committee changed to the Pastoral. A suggestion is made to send cards to Millicent Webber on her birthday.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates - Clerk -

All representatives to the Quarterly Mtg at So China were present but one.

Sept 12, 65 -

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Lillian Harlan Sunday evening. All repeated the Lord's prayer. Lillian read, as devotions, the new General Inquiries from the re-written Faith & Practice. Minutes from the last meeting were read & approved. Representatives to the next Quarterly Meeting ~~&~~ at No. Fairfield, Oct 2, were named Mae Cates, Annabel Cates, Effie Cates & Doris Clowes. Robert Cates gave a very interesting report of the young Friend's conference of No. America at Syracuse, Indiana at which he attended. Robert is also interested in attending the International ~~young~~ Friends' conference to be held at Guilford College in 1967 - Local meetings are to send names of delegates.

Letters were read. One from Carlton Cates concerning the welfare of the meeting was well received & considered - Ernest Reed, Chairman of the finance committee of the yearly meeting told of the demands of the budget for the coming year - ~~$16.0 person~~ or approximately $12 - a person.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

Oct 17, 1965 -

This meeting was held at the home of Maurice & Malvena Robbins with eight members & one guest present. The Lord's prayer was repeated by all. Records of last meeting read & approved - Representatives to next Quarterly meeting at Oak Grove, Nov 14, were named - Benjamin Cates, Edna Cates, Doris Clowes, Lillian Harlan. Letters were read by assistant clerk Benj. Cates. One from the Five Years Mtg. of Friends told of Friends United Meeting Sunday, Nov. 21, 1965 with an offering for the United Meeting - Plans will be made for this.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit -

Annabel Cates, Clerk —

Nov 21, 1965.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Arthur & Doris Clowes with good attendance - The Lord's prayer was repeated. Records of the last meeting read & approved. All representatives were present at the Oak Grove Quarterly meeting but one - Letters were read by Lillian Haslam One about the untimely death of Norman Morrison - Donation for his family is being considered - As toilet facilities at the church are inadequate, the property committee, consisting of Maurice Robbins, Herbert Cates, Geo. Cates Benjamin Cates & Gerald Robbins, are asked to consider this problem. Lelia Taylor suggests a Hootnanny for the young people of the Quarterly meeting, the afternoon of Dec. 5 - As rehearsals for a Cantata are under way we suggest some later date - Maurice Robbins spoke of his concern about our small numbers and suggests a minister if possible. This will be a subject for meditation and ideas on this subject will be brought to the next monthly meeting - No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk

Dec. 12, 65.

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Annabel Cates, After repeating the Lord's prayer, records of last mtg. were read & approved. Next Sunday at the church there will be a Christmas program with Paul Cates telling of Christmas in Germany. Programs for the coming meetings ~~was~~ discussed. Ralph Greene of Winthrop is expected to speak once a month and a committee consisting of Lillian Haslam, Carleton Cates & Ben Cates was named to map out the programs for the next Quarter beginning with Jan. - Letters read. Decided to send Cards the same as last year; to send a donation $10 to the family fund of Norman Morrison. Robert Cates name was suggested as a delegate to the Washington Conference Feb 11-14 - Maurice Robbins, head of property com. reported they are going to begin improvements on the toilet situation as soon as possible. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits

Jan 16, 1966 -

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Annabel Cates. All repeated the Lord's prayer - Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved - Lillian Haslam, Ann Edmondson & Edna Cates were named a committee to write the roll call letter. The roll-call meeting has been chosen as Mar

Representatives named for the next Quarterly meeting to be held here at East Vassalboro Feb 5, were Maurice Robbins, Elfie Cates, Ann Edmondson and Elinor Wilson - Malvina Robbins, treasurer, presented a most excellent report of last years account. We all appreciate the splendid work Malvina has done for us through the years - Herbert Cates reported for the property committee about the work done on the new rest room. The work will be resumed soon - Letters were read by the assistant clerk, Benj. Cates Jr, These tell of conferences for young people at Woolman Hill, Pendle Hill Washington D.C., a young Friend's conference etc - A letter is also read from Baltimore telling of their appreciation of our gift to the Morrison family fund - We appreciate gifts to the church from Dean Robeson & Julia Brown.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

Feb 13, 1966

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends met with Lillian Haslem. All repeated the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. At the last Quarterly meeting all representatives were present. The clerk is requested to write all members asking them to vote no against the sale of Sun-liquor sales. Feb 21st Doris Clowes & Annabel Cates were asked to write a report on the spiritual condition of the meeting. Letters were read by Ben Cates, telling of coming conferences. On Friday April 8 in Boston a silent witness for peace has been planned. We are asked to name an overseer from our meeting. Margaret Cates has been chosen. Lillian Haslem, recorder submitted the report of statistics of the meeting for 1965. This was found correct. Thanks were extended to Arthur Clowes, Herbert Cates & George Cates for snow plowing. Also to Maurice Robbins Marion Wayman, Arthur Clowes, Herbert Cates, Robert Cates & Gerald Cates for labor willingly given to build the new rest room at the Church which was usable in time for Quarterly Meeting. Herbert has presented the bill for material & hired help. He also asks for volunteers to help complete the work planned. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

Mar. 13, 66 This meeting was held at the home of Maurice & Malvena Robbins. The treasurer Malvena R. reported that the Spoffords have paid in full for Friends house. $5000 + int. 92.47. Also insurance of $40. has been paid. Herbert Cates reports bills paid on the new rest room. All agreed to finish the kitchen as formerly planned as soon as possible. Quota for Y.M. is $112 – or .75 a member. This is nearly paid. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. Ben Cates read some queries. No action taken. Same committee for next quarter stands to get speakers. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit. Annabel Cates Clerk.

April 17, 1960

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the home of Annabel Cates - The worship group was reported by all. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved. Letters were read by George Cates / 1. A letter from the Friends Book & Tract Committee was read, which asked us to make a choice of three free books to be sent to us soon. The committee was requested to make this choice. Margaret Cates & Helen Wiggins The books chosen were "[illegible] but the Answer" by [illegible] Shaffer, Search for a Song by Elfrida Vipont, Beyond Dimensions by Catherine Marshall / 2. A letter of thanks from Ann Thomas was read. We decided to pledge $10. to the [illegible] fund, at last quarter in which Ralph Cook was heard from the Jamaica mission - Representatives to the Quarterly meeting at Winthrop were named: Helen Wallace, Malinda Robbins, Grace Sloane, George Cates, William Cates. It was suggested that the young people be asked to take the church census in preparation for moving. The question of [illegible] on Easter Sunday was discussed. This was referred to the Friendly Circle. It was suggested that the care of the church fence be provided by members of the Sunday School. This will be left to the Sunday School supt. Maurice Robbins has offered some good maple trees for planting. If possible this should be done where the old trees were. Markers for the driveway are necessary. This is left to Perry Cates & Maurice Robbins. No further business demanding attention, we concluded, adjourning to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

May 15, 1966.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends held at the home of Walter & Doris Clowes. Lord's prayer was repeated. Minutes of the last meeting read & approved. A clerk for Ministry & Council was named, Doris Clowes. At the last Quarterly meeting all representatives were present. A letter from Up River Friends Mtg. N. Carolina was read. They are observing their 100 anniversary 7 mo. 3rd. They write "In reading the minutes of the past 100 years we find that many Friends have visited us in Christian love. Our records for 6 mo 4th 1881 indicate that Sarah Goddard, a minister of your meeting has labored among us." This should be answered before July 3rd. A letter from Jane Foster inquiring about Vassalboro records. We approved the old records to be left with the others as formerly but wish to keep records from 1900 on for reference for the time being. It has been suggested that Malcolm Robbins write John Taylor about the missionary money in the South. Also to order 12 more Faith & Practice. A very interesting letter was read from Phillip & Virginia [illegible] who have been missionaries at Kenya Africa, home on furlough. An electric stove for the church kitchen has been bought by the Circle and will be a great addition. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

June 12, 1966

Vassalboro Monthly meeting was held at the home of Annabel Cates with good attendance. All repeated the Lord's prayer. Records of the last meeting read & approved. The letter from Up River Friends' meeting has been answered also one from Jane Foster about of old records. The clerk is asked to write Ralph Grim of Winthrop that we would be glad to have him work with us during the coming year, if he can make arrangements. Herbert Cates reported repairs at the church are progressing and hopes they will finish the coming week. The ladies have offered to do the papering necessary. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit – Annabel Cates Clerk –

July 17, 1966.

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Doris & Arthur Clowes.

Records of last meeting were read & approved. An interesting letter from F. Jane Foster was read, about having our old records micro filmed at Providence. We have decided to have this done. Current letters were read by Benj. Cates, asst. clerk. No action taken. Representatives for next Quarterly meeting were named, Lillian Haslam, Carlton & Saundra Cates, Malvina Robbins & Stephen Robbins. The property committee is asked to care for the furnace also to decide about buying a lawn mower. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

Aug 8, 1966.

This meeting was omitted due to a fellowship meeting at Mary Hoxie Jones So China. A number from our meeting attended.

However members of the meeting agreed upon a two weeks vacation Aug 28 - Sept 4

Next meeting Sept. 11 - A. I. C.

Sept 11, 66.

Monthly meeting of Friends held at the home of Mae Cates. The Lord's prayer was repeated by all. Records read & approved. The property committee decided against buying a lawn mower. Representatives at the Aug Quarterly mtg. were all present save two. Letters were read by assistant clerk, Benj. Cates. Yearly mtg. reports are now available. The clerk is requested to write F. Jane Foster that the meeting approves having old records micro filmed. We decide against selling antiques ~~from~~ of the church.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Representatives to N. Fairfield Q.M. - George Cates, Malvina Robbins, Nancy Cates & Effie Cates.

Oct. 9, 1966.

Monthly meeting was held at the home of Maurice & Malvena Robbins. The Lord's prayer was repeated by all after which a letter from T. Eugene Coffin was read. This letter was a "call to every Friend's Meeting, through its members, to pray for the world Congress as preparations are now being made, as it is held Oct 26 to Nov 4 and as it is followed up in every nation on earth". Records of the last meeting were read & approved. Thanks were given to Maurice Robbins who supervised the mowing of the church lawn during the summer. Thanks were extended also to Herbert Cates for his labor at the church. Letters were read by assistant clerk, Bea Cates. One advocating Friends to vote for Tom Maynard for Congress. He is running in opposition to the government's war policy. A letter from Quaker Action Group shows that Friends are deeply stirred about the suffering in North & South Vietnam. They suggest sending medical packages to the war area. Will await further instructions. As Lillian Harlan will be away after Nov. first, she has resigned as recorder. The name of Sandra Cates has been suggested to carry on this work for the present. The treasurer, Malvena Robbins, reported $125 has been paid toward the Quota of $545.00 which is $10.50 a member. Representatives to the Quarterly mtg. at No. Fairfield were all present. Representatives to the Quarterly meeting at Oak Grove school are Doris Clowes, George Cates, Malvena Robbins, Annabel Cates. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk -

Nov 3, 1966

- Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Arthur + Doris Clowe. The Lords prayer was repeated by all after which Ralph Greene, pastor gave a short helpful message quoting Thomas Kelley. Minutes of the last meeting were read + approved. Saundra Cates was named recorder of the meeting. We were pleased to note that our Y.M. quota has been half paid. Current letters were read by assistant clerk.

A letter from David Stanfield proposed a subscription service to supply the meeting with pertinent leaflets in connection with the Stewardship + Finance Com. Ralph Greene has already sent for these.

A letter is read from the N. England Yearly Mtg extension committee on visitation, (Ministry + Council) Ralph Greene has consented to extend an invitation to them, from us in connection with the Winthrop meeting. After reading a letter from Quaker Action we decide to send $10 to the Service Committee for medical supplies at Vietnam. Anne Foster, Chairman of N.E. Yearly Mtg Peace + Social Concerns Committee asks if we are desirous of a public peace witness at Boston Good Friday 1967. We are not able to support this due to distance. We question how much good these demonstrations do. Ralph Greene suggests that some of the young people from the meeting attend the meeting of U. Nations. Edna Cates suggests a carry in supper at the meeting house Dec. in conjunction with Winthrop having a social evening with program + slides. Cordelia Cates suggests a social evening in honor of those of our members who have sold their homes here, Lillian Haslam + Mae Cates, on Wed. evening.

A letter from the clerk of The Columbia St. Baptist church, Bangor Maine states that Wallace Robbins, a member here of long standing has joined their church. Maurice Robbins reports that the church furnace has been repaired both by an electrician + plumber. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time of the ord. month.

Annabel Cates Clerk

Wallace Robbins joined The Columbia St. Baptist Church, Bangor Maine-

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Nov 2, 1966

Dear Friends,

Mr. Wallace Robbins has asked us to notify you that he has become a member of this church after being baptized in our faith.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Rogers

Ruth Rogers
(Mrs. Clayton A. Rogers) Clerk

Joseph Dinsmore, President   Eleanor Torrey, Treasurer   Arilla Trask, Church Clerk

"WHERE THERE IS NO VISION .... THE PEOPLE PERISH" .... Proverbs 29:18

HAPPY GROVE SCHOOL
Hector's River P.O.,
JAMAICA, West Indies.

WE THANK you for your Gift towards the Happy Grove School Building Fund. This sum was part of the total of $13,021. 50¢ received via the American Friends Board of Missions.

DONALD A. BURGESS,
Headmaster.

Dec 11, 1946

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Maurice and Malvina Robbins — All repeated the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Ralph Greene has reported that the Visitation committee of the yearly meeting of Ministry and Counsel have written that some of them are considering visiting this quarter at our Quarterly meeting Feb 1, 1947. Maurice Robbins, chairman of the property committee, reports that the electrician's bill has been paid, the amount $7.50. In appreciation of the splendid work of Ralph Greene as our pastor, we decide to present him with a gift at Christmas. The choosing of this will be left with Doris Clemens, Malvina Robbins and Edna Cates. A community party for newcomers in town has been discussed. Our church is available if needed. Letters were read by assistant clerk Benjamin Cates. We enjoyed hearing from Bill & Ann Olsen about their life in New Zealand and news of their children, Joy & David. A letter was read from Happy Grove school Jamaica, thanking us for our contribution towards their School Building fund, wishing us a Merry Xmas — A conference of young Friends will take place at Woolman Hill Dec 27-30 — The treasurer is asked to send $3.00 to the Friends Committee on National Legislation for newsletter — No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk —

Jan. 16 1967.

Monthly meeting was held at the home of Doris & Arthur Clowes. For devotions Doris Clowes read the New Year's message of Agnes Hunt, President of the Friend's Women Society. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. A concern from Elinor Wilson was presented to the meeting:- The Christian Civic League of Maine is much in need of funds to carry on their good work. It is suggested and approved that we donate $5 a month for a year to help them carry on ~~this good~~ this work. Herbert Cates read the financial report of the treasurer Malvina Robbins. We are filled with gratitude to Malvina for her continuing service as treasurer and excellent reports through the years. Quarterly Meeting representatives are named: Eleanor Wilson, Doris Clowes, & Effie Cates. Dinner committee Maxine Robbins, Edna Cates & Joyce Rowe. We were pleased to have Ralph Greene with us. He presented a concern to have a curtain hung in front of the glaring window behind the pulpit. We favored this and a committee was chosen to help with this, Joyce Clowes, Joyce Rowe and Ralph Greene. Doris Clowes was asked to choose three books which will be presented by the Booker fund. As there are a number of valuable books at the church it was suggested a case be made or bought for them. Ralph Greene suggested more Friends' Hymnals be bought perhaps 12. All agreed.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

[illegible] Cates, Clerk.

Feb 11, 1967.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Annabel Cates. For devotions Doris Clowes read a prayer from the Friends Missionary Advocate. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. A bill for 8.25 from the Quaker Life for the local meeting directory ad. was presented. We decided to cancel this ad. A reminder was made to order the twelve Friends hymnals. Books have been ordered from the Mosher fund. Associate members that were mentioned as eligible for active service were Stephen Cates, Stephen Robbins, Allan Cates, Randall Cates, Stephen Clowes. This matter will be left with the pastor and presented at the next meeting. Joyce Rowe, Mayme Robbins and Edna Cates were named to write the Roll Call letter. Sandra Cates, recorder, sent in a report of statistics for 1966. This was found correct. As the tile on the church floor is lifting, Herbert Cates was asked if he could have this repaired. William Cates read the correspondence. One letter from the Calvary Baptist Church Pittsfield suggesting that Sandra Pooler, a member of their church would be available after Feb 15th to present the work of the Canadian Sunday School Mission. As Ralph Greene will be on vacation, the clerk was asked to contact Sandra to see if she could speak at the church Sunday the 26th. Thyra Jane Foster writes concerning our historical records which are being microfilmed.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

March 19, 1969 -

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the home of Doris and Arthur Clowes - The Lords prayer was repeated by all - The roll call letter written by Maxine Robbins, Edna Cates and Joyce Rowe was read and approved. The property committee reports that the tile on the church floor is being repaired and a new linoleum laid in the kitchen -

The records of last meeting is read and approved. Cloth for the curtain to cover the church window has been purchased. Doris Clowes and Malvina Robbins have been named a committee to make this curtain. Ralph Greene has offered to hang it - A Friend's panel discussion has been suggested by some of the members, having Robert Coe, Secretary of the Bangor Y.M.C.A. and Robert Reuman a Professor of Colby College, meet with us sometime the last of April or the first of May - This would be sort of a seminar, talking over some serious problems -

Stephen Robbins, Stephen Cates, Randall Cates and George Allan Cates, associate members of our meeting have expressed a desire to become active members - We welcome them to our meeting. A public welcome will take place on Easter Sunday, March 27.

Letters were read by Benjamin Cates. A letter from Findley Cook asking for help for the Indian affairs of Okla-homa. We decide to talk about the needs of the Maine Indians, to Ralph Greene before making donations outside Maine. A letter from David Stanfield telling of the work of the United Friends' Meeting. A recording of both Bryon Haworth Clerk + David Stanfield, Secretary were played -

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit -

Annabel Cates Clerk -

April 9, 1967.

Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house with good attendance. The Lord's prayer was repeated by all. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. Representatives to the next Quarterly meeting April 29th at Winthrop were named, Annabel Cates, Allan Cates, Stephen Robbins, George Cates. Letters were read from Ralph Cook & The Conference of Friends on Race relations. Ralph spoke of statistical and spiritual reports that he needs before Quarterly meeting, which will soon be sent. A questionnaire on race relations is to be filled out. Ralph Greene spoke of his interest in the Coffee House that is being completed in Hallowell Augusta. As this is a worthy cause and is sponsored by church denominations he will give a donation toward its support. Ralph also spoke of the needs of the Maine Indians.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

Monthly meeting was held at the home of Annabel Cates May 14, 1967. After all repeating the Lord's prayer, records were read & approved. Letters were read by Ass. Clerk Benj. Cates. It was suggested that the Sunday school would be interested in donating funds to the desperate needs of India and to the new director's building that is being erected on the China camp property. This was left with the Sunday School treasurer Lillian Haslam. It was decided to send $30.– to the Y. M. treasurer for the equalization fund at Yearly Mtg. The sum of $10.– had been sent to the A.F.S.C. for medical supplies at Viet Nam. A Sunday School picnic to be held at the Pond Camp shore was proposed – after the school is closed for the summer. This is to be left with the Supt., Herbert Cates. As the school room will be vacant, it will be available to the pastor for summer quarters if he wishes. Maurice Robbins told of repairs that needed to be done on the church building. This was left with the property committee. The treasurer Malvena Robbins reported that due to the generous response to the roll call letter, the Y. M. quota has been paid in full. No further business demanding our attention we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates Clerk.

June 11, 1967.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house at noon. The Lords prayer was repeated in unison. The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. Report of the treasurer ~~that~~ all bills are paid. A man has been engaged to paint the meeting house roof for $75.- The pastor has accepted our offer of the Sunday School rooms and has moved in for the summer.. Letters were read by assistant clerk, Ben Cates - Ed Hinshaw - sends Circulars of Friends China Camp. Senior High - June 25-30. Family Camp I July 1-7 Grade Sch. (4-6) July 9-22. Junior High I (7-10) July 23-Aug 5 Junior High II (7-10) Aug. 6-19. Family Camp II Aug 28 - Sept 2. A letter from the Yearly Meeting office tells of the Yearly Meeting costs and equalization fund aid. The meeting this year will be Aug. 22 - 27 at Nasson College, Springvale, Maine. Those who wish to attend should send in applications prior to Aug. 10, 1967. An appeal for help from Woolman Hill was read. It was decided to send them $10.- Anne Foster, chairman of the Peace & Social concerns committee of the Yearly Meeting, writes of our obligations to our young men facing the draft. Letters were also received from the American Friends Service Com., the Earlham school of Religion, The Friends United Meeting, The Friends Leadership Development and a booklet on the Nature and Mission of the church for Friends, by Chas. Thomas, from Friends United Mtg. No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

July 16, 1967

[illegible] meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house after the morning service. All repeated the Lords prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. Representatives to the next Quarterly meeting to be held at So. China Aug 5th were named Carleton Cates, Malvina Robbins, Doris Clowes, Stephen Robbins and Randall Cates. Letters were read by George Cates. One from Herbert Hadley, Executive Secretary of the Friends world committee asking for a contribution. We decide to give ten dollars. A letter from the Friends United meeting tells of the emergency need of the Friends in the Ramallah area. We decide to send $50 hoping to take up a collection next Sunday to help with this. Also a newcomer, Marshall Gibson of Boston has agreed to help with a donation of $20. The letter from Womens International League for Peace and Freedom will be passed on to the Women's Society, The Friendly Circle. An invitation from The Monadnock Monthly meeting invites the meeting to join them in a meeting for Worship at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N.H. at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday August 6, 1967. Friends at the Meeting School will be happy to provide hospitality before and after the meeting at the Cathedral.

Ralph Greene has a concern to complete the unused room back of the kitchen and use it for a library. He has the permission of the meeting to use funds for this. Ralph Greene & Robert Cates are our representatives to the Friends World's Conference at Guilford College N. Carolina.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk

August 20, 1967.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house at the close of the morning service. For devotions Ralph Greene gave a prayer. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. Representatives at the last Quarterly meeting at So China were all present but three. The church vacation was named for the next two Sundays. However Ralph Greene will be at the church if anyone should wish a Quaker meeting then. We decided to send the old Monthly meeting records to Thyra Jane Foster (1900-1950) 1301 Centerville Rd. Warwick R.I. and have them microfilmed. Letters were read by Geo. Cates. Margaret Cates had a concern for all interested to send individual contributions to the Earlham School of Religion. Eleanor Wilson & Edna Cates have been named members of Ministry and Council committee. Ralph Greene has a concern about the pulpit fixtures in the old Gardiner meeting house which may soon be sold. He suggests that some members should visit there and observe the interior of the meeting house soon. As the present clerk has asked to be released from her duties as clerk the following committee consisting of Doris Clowes, Lillian Haslam + Malvina Robbins is asked to bring in the name of a new clerk at the next monthly meeting.

It is of interest to note that Wendy Robinson of Salisbury, Rhodesia was present with us at the morning service today as guest of Mr. & Mrs. George Keller & family.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Annabel Cates, Clerk.

September 17, 1967

It was with regret that the Meeting accepted the resignation of Annabel Cates as clerk. She had served faithfully as clerk from June 13, 1951, to the present date.

Two names were proposed for clerk the first was George Cates. He felt that due to his many responsibilities that he would have to decline the nomination. The second name mentioned was that of Carleton Cates. He accepted the nomination.

Carleton Cates conducted his first Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends mt at 12 noon on Sunday, September 17, 1967 in the Friends Meeting House.

Benjamin Cates read the letters. One was of the service rendered by the Quaker ship Phoenix in sending medical supplies to Hanoi. He also brought to the attention of the meeting bulletins concerning "Quaker Action", FCNL news, and Friends World Committee work.

Herbert Cates expressed a concern that if others felt the need of an adult Sunday School that their should be one. This Sunday School class will start in two weeks if adults are interesting in attending. Next week was decided against because of Shirley Weed's film.

Representatives to the North Fairfield Quarterly Meeting were named. They are Malvena Robbins, Lillian Haslem, Edna Cates, Doris Clowes, and Stephen Robbins.

Since no further business demanded our attention, we concluded our business with a few moments of silence, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Carleton E. Cates, Clerk

October 8, 1967

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday noon, October 8, 1967, at the East Vassalboro Friends Meeting House.

Benjamin Cates read the literature. A letter was read asking about possibilities of young people attending a conference for those interested in Quaker ministry. Also, a letter was read concerning the fund-raising for the Earlham School of Religion. Those interested in contributing to this, our only Quaker school for ministry, were urged to do so in donations of their own. Then a letter was read concerning the Quaker leadership conference. We encouraged Ralph Greene to consider going.

It was the feeling of the Meeting that we should use the money from the hymn sings to buy a few extra hymn books.

Ralph Greene suggested that, since Winthrop wanted a later church service, that we might consider starting at nine o'clock. There was general approval of the earlier time.

The film, "The Phoenix," will be shown at the February Quarterly Meeting, the first Saturday in February.

The delegates to Quarterly Meeting were all present except two.

Since no further business demanded our attention, we closed our business meeting with a short time of worship. If the Lord be willing, our next monthly meeting will be on November October 12, 1967.

Carleton Cates, clerk

November 12, 1967

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday noon, November 12, 1967, at the East Vassalboro Friends' Meeting House.

Letters were read and approved.

The responsibility of the special pastoral account was discussed. It was decided to talk with Ralph to see if he would be willing to sign checks for the Meeting expenses concerning the pastoral work.

A letter will be sent by the clerk of the Meeting to the President, urging him to use all available constructive uses to end the conflict in Viet Nam. Included in the letter will be a quote from William Penn

Representatives were named for the Quarterly Meeting to Oak Grove: Edna Cates, Effie Cates, Coraline Cates, Steven Robbins, Mae Cates,

Since no further business demanded our attention, we closed our business with a period of silent worship, hoping to meet again during the regular time if the Lord permit.

Carleton Cates clerk

November 19, 1967

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met in special session on November 19, 1967, at 10:10 A.M., Sunday morning. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the special account in relationship to the ministerial expenses of the church. The feeling of the meeting was that since this money was not used for personal expenses of our pastor, but for approved expenses of the pastoral work and of outreach, that this special account should be transferred to the general fund of the meeting.

Also, if it is discovered that payment of pastoral rent is a legitimate church expense, the Meeting will help out in paying for this. (Ralph Greene is checking for legal advice in this matter.

The special monthly meeting was brought to a close with a period of worship, during which time we gave thanks for guidance and clarity.

The next meeting will meet a the regular time of the Lord permits.

December 10, 1967

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, December 10, 1967, at Mae Cates's new home.

A letter from Francis Gove was read, stating that we should have a person appointed by our Meeting to be a contact to help non-Friends who are seekers help them understand our heritage. The clerk will take on the unofficial responsibilities. Other letters were read.

A review of the work of the leadership committee of the Quarterly Meeting and the possibilities of ministry in this way was discussed. We are urged to be actively thinking of the future development.

It was suggested and approved that we should appoint a committee to revise the committee lists. Names suggested are Carlton Cates, Doris Cloves, Herbert Cates, Lillian Harlan, and Margaret Cates.

Carlton Cates, clerk.

January 14, 1968

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday, January 14, 1968, after the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. It was suggested, however, that we have a sign up sheet for those interested in serving on various committees.

The Roll Call Committee was appointed. Members are [illegible] Cates, Joyce Gove, and Nancy Cates.

Our representation for the coming Quarterly Meeting will be Steven Robbins

Coraline Cates, Lillian Haslam, Vina Cates, and Doris Clowes.

The letter representing ideas for a future quarterly meeting minister or secretary that was sent to us by the leadership committee was reread. No action was taken.

A food basket was decided upon to give to Ralph Greene since he has had the flu. We felt that since Ralph was our pastor; that this gesture should come from the church as a whole and not just from the Friendly Circle. Saundra and Coraline Cates were put on this committee to get the supplies: Five dollars was taken from the collection to go toward these with the balance coming later.

A letter from the Meetings and Extension Committee was read asking about possibilities of holding a meeting at East Vassalboro. Due to the fact that we were not sure about the over-night accommodations that could be furnished, it was decided to check with Ralph Greene at the next regular monthly meeting.

At the conclusion of the business and after a period of worship, we concluded our business until the next regular monthly meeting. Coraline Cates

February 11, 1968

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Herbert and Coraline Cates on Sunday evening, February 11, 1968, at 7:30 P.M. A Testament of Devotion was read for devotions.

It was suggested that the Roll Call letter be written before the next monthly meeting.

In response to a letter or concern of the Quarterly Meeting Leadership Committee, it was suggested that a Quarterly Meeting Minister should (A) direct the morning worship in a pastoral manner, (B) have pastoral visitation, (C) coordinate group activities; and (D) possibly work with Chrio Camp

Sunday Morning discussion groups will be continued and worship service could be shortened if it meets the needs of the Meeting

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Since Sirley Weed is helping Ralph with pastoral work and Sunday School work, it was decided to pay her $100.00 which will be used as a scholarship for her college expenses.

We concluded our business until the next regular monthly meeting in March.

March 10, 1968 Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the Friends Meeting House in East Vassalboro at 10 A.M. after a reading of queries related to the Friends Business Meeting.

It was brought up that the Sutherlands are interested in joining the Meeting. This met with approval and they will be welcomed into the meeting after due transfer of membership has been accomplished.

Roll Call was discussed. The Roll Call letter was read and approved. Roll Call will be on March 31, 1968 this year.

We approved the Nominating Committee's recommendation that the Finance Committee be a single committee and that the Cemetery Committee should be combined with the Property Committee.

We approved the Nominating Committee's revised list of committee members. They are as follows:

1968 Committee Lists

Ministry + Counsel:

Annabel Cates
Maurice Robbins
Malvena Robbins
Lillian Haslam
Doris Clowes

George Cates
Coraline Cates
Benjamin + Edna Cates
Frank + Ann Edmondson
Gerald + Maxine Robbins

Helen Wyman
Margaret Cates
Carleton + Sandra Cates
Eleanor Wilson

Property:

Maurice Robbins
Herbert Cates
Benjamin Cates
Gerald Robbins
George Cates

Finance:

Maurice Robbins
George Cates
Lillian Haslam
Margaret Cates
Mae Cates
(ex-officio - treasurer)

Music:

Coralene Cates
Effie Cates
Saundra Cates
Doris Clowes
Ann Edmondson

Visiting:

Mae Cates
Lillian Haslam
Doris Clowes
Malvena Robbins

Missionary:

Malvena Robbins
Annabel Cates
Doris Clowes
Mildred Taylor

Peace and Social Concerns.

Eleanor Wilson
Benjamin Cates
Frank Edmondson
Robert Cates

Christian Education:

Herbert Cates
Coralene Cates
Maxine Robbins
Joyce Rowe
Lillian Haslam

Social Committee:

Saundra Cates
Carleton Cates
Edna Cates
Joyce Rowe
Maxine Robbins
Coralene Cates
Nancy Cates
Gerald Cates
Randy Cates
Billy Cates
Sharon Robbins
Allan Cates

After the approval of the Monthly Meeting lists, the Leadership Committee of the Quarterly Meeting gave its report to us of the possibility of having a Quarterly Meeting minister or secretary. It was decided that we must find out through the various committees, especially finance, how much financial and moral support could be raised.

The business meeting was ajourned until next month.

April 20, 1968

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends, meeting at the meeting house on April 20, 1968, was opened with a moment of silent worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ralph Greene was concerned that some of the dining room chairs might be donated to the Coffee House. He would also like to have the antique table for his own use. His last request was that he be paid weekly.

It was decided to donate the dining room chairs that are not spoken for to Ralph Greene for the use of the Coffee House.

Also, the table in question is to be given to Ralph Greene if Annabel Cates approves, as it apparently was originally hers.

The financial aspect of Ralph's services were discussed as was the possibility of building a small residence on the church property or elsewhere. It was decided that we should see if it were financially feasible to give Ralph $25.00 a week for his services. We will try this and see if the treasury is capable of this payment. As to the matter of a parsonage, it was decided to wait and see what needs might arise, and if necessary, the property committee could handle the situation.

Pat and Carol Brewster and family (three boys) have asked to join the meeting. A committee of Herbert Cates, Coralene Cates, and Malvena Robbins, were appointed to work on this matter.

It was announced that Robert Cool of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, is to be travelling in the ministry in Maine this summer and possibly will ~~possibly~~ be at Winthrope Quarterly Meeting in May.

Mae Cates, Edna Cates, Stephen Robbins, and Eleanor Wilson were named as delegates to the

Winthrope Quarterly Meeting on May 4th.

Communications were read and discussed from the Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Stewardship and Finance Committee of F. U. M., Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, F. U. M. Evangelism and Church Extension Committee, Cape May Conference Notice, Friends China Camp 1968 Notices, Friends Committee on National Legislation, and a notice of a new Friends Leadership Film now available, "A New People to be Gathered." Also, other literature was received from Friends sources.

The letter to the Quarterly Meeting of the spiritual condition of Vassalboro Meeting was read and approved.

We conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits.

Carlton Cates, clerk.

May 19, 1968

The business meeting was started with a few moments of silent worship. Last month's meeting was read and approved.

Marshall Gibson and Pam Chamberlain asked permission to have a Friends wedding in the Meeting House. A Clearness Committee was appointed to check into the matter. It is composed of Ralph Greene, Carlton Cates, and Saundra Cates. [Since this monthly meeting, the clerk appointed Eleanor Wilson, with the approval of Marshall Gibson and Pam Chamberlain, to be a second woman on this committee, as it is recommended to have two men and two women.] There has also been received two letters: one from Marshall Gibson's Meeting in Sandy Springs, Maryland Washington, D.C., commending Pam Chamberlain and Marshall Gibson to our care, and the other one from Marshall Gibson and Pam Chamberlain asking to be married under the care of the meeting. The letters are as follows: (~~The meeting gave its approval~~)

Dear Carlton Cates

This evening Marshall Gibson telephoned to say that the East Vassalboro Meeting has agreed to marry him and his fiancee under the care of your Meeting.

Marshall Gibson is a member of the Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting meeting. When he lived in this area - until a few years ago - he was an active Member of the Meeting and of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

We commend him and his fiancee to your loving care

The members of Sandy Spring Meeting send their love and best wishes to the members of East Vassalboro Meeting.

Cordially yours
Ludwig Caminita
Clerk
Sandy Spring (Md) Monthly Meeting

To the East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting

With Divine permission and the approval of Friends we intend marriage with each other. We should like to marry under the care of East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting.

Marshall Gibson
Pamela Chamberlain]

11 Ralph Greene expressed a concern that perhaps a more informal seating arrangement would encourage fellowship during morning worship. It was approved to try a new arrangement at the next Monthly Meeting

Friends listened with respect to the

letter of resignation of Malvena Robbins as treasurer of the meeting. Friends expressed great appreciation for her 38 years of faithful service in this capacity.

It was suggested that the finance committee act as nominating committee to help select the new treasurer. Malvena would be willing to continue her duties until June and expressed willingness to aid the new treasurer at the start of his or her duties.

Any of the chairs that remain after the members select them are to be given to the Cross Roads Coffee House in Hallowell.

Friends approved of giving the small table in the church (originally given by Ronald Cates) to Ralph.

The meeting committee that visited with the Brewsters suggested that this family definitely should be welcomed into the meeting. They will be welcomed into the fellowship.

A letter of transfer of membership from North Fairfield Monthly Meeting was read concerning Grace Frost. We welcome Grace.

We discussed information presented to us by Elma Cates concerning the Quarterly Meeting leader. It was decided that concerned members of the meeting should join in discussion to see the pros and cons of this person and to decide if the financial obligations would not be prohibitive. The first meeting will be at the home of George Keller.

Communications were read.

We conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits.

Carleton Cates, clerk.

June 10, 1968

The meeting was begun with a few moments of silent worship.

We approved Ralph Greene's suggestion that we give Nancy Cates a Faith and Practice.

The finance committee has not found anyone at this time. Malvena will continue for a while longer while the finance committee continues its work.

We decided to let the seating arrangement remain until it is decided to change it.

It has been approved that the meeting may marry Marshall Gibson and Pam Chamberlain. It was also approved that the oversight committee be the same as the clearness committee with the exception that Eleanor Wilson serve as an alternate to Grace Frost and with Annabel Cates's name added.

We conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits.

Carleton Cates, Clerk

July 14, 1968

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting met July 14, 1968 at 10 A.M. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Gerald Robbins will for the next two years be the meeting treasurer.

The time of meeting was discussed. We will continue with the regular 9 o'clock worship service.

Church vacation will be on August 25 and September 1.

It was thought that the financial survey was indecisive at this point, and that any decision should be postponed.

The arrangement of the seats in the meeting was discussed, and it was felt by those present that the formal seating arrangement was preferred.

The condition of the old outhouse was discussed, and it was thought that the young people under the direction of Ralph Greene could dispose of the building.

Representatives to the August Quarterly Meeting were appointed. They are Lillian Haslam, Malvena Robbins, Stephen Robbins, Annabel Cates and Mae Cates

We depart, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Carleton Cates, Clerk

August 17, 1968

~~East~~ Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house after the morning meeting for worship August 17, 1968.

Minutes of the previous monthly meeting were read and approved.

The form of worship was discussed. It was the feeling of those present that more thought should be given to preparation of music and to meeting the spiritual needs of all the members.

A plan was presented to the monthly meeting by Ralph Greene as follows: 1 He is planning to move into the directors cabin at Friends China Camp with the idea of winterizing the building as a winter home. 2. The quarterly meeting ~~secretary~~ worker could possibly also serve as camp director in the summer. 3. There is a possibility that the quarterly meeting ~~secretary~~ worker might be appointed as a paid representative of the A.F.S.C. for counselling people in this area. The meeting approved sharing our responsibility with the other monthly meeting for the cost of winterizing the directors cabin at China Camp. We approved this because we felt the benefit of this project would strengthen directly or indirectly the quarter.

The next monthly meeting was postponed to September 15th.

It was agreed to repaint the sign on the front of the meeting house. Herbert and Saundra were appointed to oversee the project.

Correspondence was read. A letter of thanks was read from the family of Martin Luther King.

We depart, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Carleton Cates, clerk

September 15, 1968

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house after the morning meeting for worship, September 15, 1968.

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were read and approved.

Our Sunday school will begin the first of October.

The report from the joint quarterly meeting with Winthrope was reported on. East Vassalboro agreed to help winterize the directors cabin at China Camp. Our share will probably be $300.00 more or less.

Quarterly Meeting will be the second Saturday in October. (Carleton Cates, clerk)

October 13, 1968

Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house October 13, 1968. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report was made on the directors cabin situation at Friends China camp. It was thought necessary at this time to turn $300 over to the China Camp treasurer to meet expenses for work already in progress. The directors cabin is being proposed for winter use by a meeting worker or a quarterly meeting representative.

The time of Sunday meeting was discussed, and it was decided that if satisfactory arrangements could be made the members would prefer a later service during the winter months.

Representatives to the Oak Grove Quarterly meeting are Doris Clowes, Malvena Robbins, George Cates, Joyce Rowe, and Edna Cates.

Information was received from Friends Book Store regarding new books. Also a letter from "Christianity Today" magazine regarding subscriptions.

This concluding the business, we adjourned, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Carlton Cates, clerk

Nov 10, 1968.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends met at the meeting house. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. An epistle opposing manufacture and sale of toy weapons was read and signed by many members present. A letter from Ralph Greene was read concerning his resignation at Winthrop and his recent provision for personal needs.

A letter of release for Ralph Greene from Fairfield Mtg. has been received. We warmly welcome him as a member of our Monthly meeting. We receive him without the usual investigation, as we feel that this is not necessary because of his service among us. Herbert Cates reported that the water line to the China camp Director's cabin has been insulated and will soon be buried. Also ground work has been started on the new Friends' Camp Service building.

The Quarterly meeting leadership problem was discussed at length and it was the sense of the meeting that we should proceed with the Quarterly meeting plan. We cannot at this time guarantee a fixed amount. We will continue the survey on financial possibilities. We urge care in the selection of the worker and hope that this person will be sensitive to our needs.

We are most appreciative of Ralph Greene's efforts on behalf of this meeting and wants to continue to maintain the high interest now present among members & potential members.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benj. Cates Assistant Clerk.

M. A. C.

Dec. 8, 1968.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting met at the meeting house. After a brief period of silent worship, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was received from Friends General Conference, Friend's Coordinating Committee on Peace, Maine Council of Churches and A.F.S.C. news letter. A check was received for Christmas in memory of Edward and Jesse Brown from Julia Brown, their daughter in California. Quaker leadership situation was discussed with no immediate action taken.

We closed, proposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Carlton Cates Clerk. C.C.

Jan 12, 1969.

Vassalboro Monthly meeting of Friends met at the meeting house after the morning service. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Names of Representatives to the next Quarterly mtg Feb. 1st at E. Vassalboro were Grace Frost, Effie Cates, Lillian Haslam, Benjamin Cates & Stephen Robbins & Carlton Cates, clerk, said it was becoming increasingly difficult to attend Monthly meeting because of distance from his new home and work and asked to be released from his duties as clerk of this meeting, Saundra Cates also asked to be released as Recorder. A committee of three Malvina Robbins, Doris Clowes & Annabel Cates, has been named to consider these appointments. Maxine Robbins, Coralie Cates, Joyce Rowe and Doris Clowes were asked to write the roll call letter, Grace Frost, Ralph Green & Edna Cates were named to write the Spiritual report for Yearly Meeting which is to be Jun 23 - 28. Edna Cates reported for the Leadership committee saying that they have interviewed a minister from New Hampshire, who is working with Friends. Doris Clowes reported the Friendly Circle have sent supplies to Ricky Hoover for Vietnam orphans. Correspondence was read, no action taken. We closed purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits. B. H. Cates Recording Clerk. (C.C.)

Feb 16, 1969

Vassalboro Monthly meeting met at the close of the Sunday-service. Period of silence followed by the reading of the last month's minutes. The annual roll call was read and additions made. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the committee in preparing the interesting summary of the past year. It was decided to have the Roll Call Sunday on Sunday, March 16th / Because of absence of members of the committee for the Report on the Spiritual Condition of the meeting, this was not presented.

Shirley Weeks and Robert Bishop, Winthrop, have asked permission to use the East Vassalboro Mtg house for their wedding which is to take place on March 9th. All were in favor of granting this request. Announcements of the March meeting of the Maine Quaker Youth Fellowship have been received. These were given to families of young friends.

The treasurer's report was read by Malcena Robbins. It was approved as read. We are grateful for the services of Maynard & Gerald Robbins in caring for the meeting's finances. A letter was read from the chairman of the Finance Committee of Yearly Mtg urging Meetings and individual Friends to contribute in relation to their ability to do so. Malcena Robbins expressed a concern in regard to contributions to the meeting in order to meet our present obligations. It is most appropriate that this be considered at this time, especially in relation to Yearly Mtg commitments. The suggestion was made that all members feel the weight of this need and if possible, make a special contribution on Roll Call Sunday.

Herbert Cates reported on the construction in relation to the winterizing of the leader's cabin at Friends camp. Expenses have been greater than anticipated due to the rising cost of materials.

Albert & Ralph Kent have indicated a desire to rejoin our meeting. We will warmly welcome them back with us.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

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Margaret Cates, Recording Clerk for the day -

March 9, 1969

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house at the close of the regular worship service. After a period of silence, the minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence included a letter from Beacon Hill Friends House concerning an all day workshop on April 26 for Clerks of ministry and counsel, a notice from Peace and Social Concerns committee regarding possibilities for volunteer work. A letter from Hazel Foster, clerk of Winthrop Monthly Meeting concerning arrangements for the planned marriage of Shirley Weed and Robert Bishop III on March 29 at the East Vassalboro meeting. A letter concerning plans for Yearly Meeting, 1969, and a report from Lelia Taylor of the Quarterly Meeting leadership committee, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Joseph Bradleys of Bristol, New Hampshire. There was a discussion on the possibility of the Bradleys coming as Quarterly Meeting workers. It was thought we should refer the matter to the next Monthly Meeting, after a more thorough investigation had been made.

It was suggested that Ministry and Counsel meet before the next Monthly Meeting to prepare a letter to be sent to the members of our meeting. The chairman is to set the date for this meeting.

Roll Call meeting was postponed to March 23. The roll call letters will be sent out this week.

William Carter was appointed janitor and requested to attend the furnace during the remainder of cold weather.

The meeting approved the purchase of two copies of the discipline, to be presented to the

East Vassalboro Library, and the Lithgow Library in Augusta.

Plans for Roll Call Carry-in dinner and Easter breakfast were discussed. Coralene Cates will organize a committee for Easter Breakfast.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Recording Clerk.

April 13, 1969

East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Benjamin Cates reported on a trip to Bristol N.H. to hear Joseph Bradley who was being considered as a Quarterly Meeting worker. It was learned that the Bradleys are not available.

The committee to appoint a new clerk asked Benjamin Cates to serve as presiding Clerk for the present. Lillian Haslam was appointed recorder of statistics. No recording clerk has been appointed.

Flyers from Friends China Camp have been received and placed on the book table.

The clerk spoke of a letter from A.F.S.C. regarding progress in Vietnam. Notice from the Equalization Fund Committee telling of funds available to aid Friends attending Yearly Meeting, also requesting a contribution. It was decided that we should give $20.00 to the fund.

Representatives to Winthrop Quarterly Meeting are Lillian Haslam, Mae Cates, Stephen Robbins, William Cates and Malvena Robbins. Guests present were Kathy Metcalf from Stamford, Conn., and Oak Grove School and John Richards.

Communications were also noted from Reed

Film Library in Portland, and the A.F.S.C. in regard to a "weekend with Dave Dellinger" at Woolman Hill, April 18-20.
No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet the second Sunday of May if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

April 18, 1969

There was a special meeting to discuss a request from Gerald Cates and Dianne Rancourt for approval of the meeting of their planned marriage on May 31, and for the use of the meeting house for the occasion. Father Ken Rancourt, a Catholic Priest would officiate for their church, but the marriage would be under the care of friends. Ralph Greene stated that he had investigated the matter from a legal standpoint, and that plans could be worked out.
After due deliberation of the members present, the approval of the meeting was given.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

May 19, 1969

East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the meeting house after the meeting for worship. A guest present was Kathy Metcalf from Oak Grove School.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A letter was received from Edward and Carol Brewster requesting withdrawal as members of Vassalboro meeting. It is with deep regret that we release them from membership. A letter will be sent to them expressing our regret and encouraging them to visit.
A letter was received from the China Camp Committee telling of the total cost of winterizing the directors cabin as $1051.72.

The estimated cost to Vassalboro and Winthrop was about $600.-. The two meetings have each paid $300.- and if each meeting would pay an additional $100.-, the Camp committee would then assume the balance. The meeting approved payment of the additional $100.-

A letter from the Yearly Meeting Finance Comm. tells of a deficit and shows need for more funds. Yes our quota has been paid, it was suggested that special contributions might help to make up the balance needed.

A note of thanks was received for the use of the meeting house for a wedding shower for Diane Ransom and Gerald Cates.

Letters were also received from the New England A.F.S.C. in regard to the Peace Movement, An announcement of the Avon Conference, A letter from the Yearly Meeting office in regard to Yearly Meeting Committee appointments. Margaret Cates was appointed representative to Yearly Meeting.

A letter from the Archives Committee in regard to historical records, and other notices from the Me. Council of Churches, the Woolman Hill Seminar, Moses Brown School, and bulletins from the Friends Coordinating Council.

Eleanor Wilson, George Cates and Malvina Robbins were representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Winthrop.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk.

Special Minute

Two weddings have been held at our Church in 1969. Shirley Reed of Winthrop and Robert Bishop of Manchest were married on March 29 with the wedding under the care of Winthrop Friends and Ralph Greene conducting the Quaker ceremony. ~~The~~

On May 31, Diane Rancourt and Gerald Cates were married in what we believe was an historical occasion. As far as we know this was the first time a couple has been married in a Friends Church using the combined Catholic and Friends ceremonies. Father Kenneth Rancourt, a brother of the bride and a member of the Oblite order, conducted the catholic Mass. Edwin Hinshaw, our New England Young Friends Secretary, read the Friends Marriage certificate. Legal arrangements were taken care of by Ralph Greene.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

June 8, 1969

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house. After a period of silent worship, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was decided to reimburse Ralph Greene for copies of "Faith and Practice" given to new members recently taken into the meeting.

A change of time for meeting was discussed. It was felt that most members prefer the earlier hour, especially in summer.

Ralph Greene presented a concern in relation to our position in regard to tax obligation on Church property. While no decision was reached, it was recognized that thought should be given to this concern.

Eleanor Wilson spoke about starting a

study group on the Yearly Meeting study material. This concern was referred to those members who plan to attend Yearly Meeting.

Letters were received from the Am. Friends Service Committee in regard to work camps and also a service report on the Vietnam situation. Also several letters concerning Non-Violence, Draft Opposition, and the availability of visitors from Japan.

The treasurer reported that checks for Friends China Camp, and the equalization fund are ready to be sent. The leadership committee reported no new prospects for Q. M. Worker.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk.

July 20, 1969

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was decided to donate the sandbox in the basement to Martin Cates who with his parents, Paul and Elisabeth Cates are soon expected from Germany.

Margaret Cates reported on Yearly Meeting, mentioning especially the concern discussed of the relationship of the Yearly Meeting and its members to Friends Schools in N. England. A play given by a group of negro young people from New Haven was well received. There was a good attendance of Young Friends who seemed to take an extra interest in Friends concerns this year. Shirley Bishop mentioned the interest group concerned with less fortunate peoples. Accomodations at Taft School in Watertown, Conn., were especially good for Y. M. affairs.

Ralph Greene reported that six young people from the Augusta area are planning to attend Avon Institute this summer. It was decided to contribute $25.- to enable Shirley Bishop to accompany her husband to this conference.

The condition of the doors and windows in the entryway were mentioned as needing paint. This was referred to the property committee.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permits. Benjamin Cates, Clerk.

August 10, 1969

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house and opened with a period of quiet meditation.

Letters were read from Russell Johnson of the A.F.S.C., and another letter telling of F.C.N.L. Washington activities.

Quarterly meeting representatives appointed are Eleanor Wilson, Ralph Greene, Margaret Cates, and Grace Frost.

Edna Cates commented on her visit to Friends United Meeting in Indiana, finding it a very worthwhile experience. She told of several inspiring speakers heard, and meetings attended as a representative, mentioning also the different view points of members from other parts of the country.

Leadership problems are still with us and need attention.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk.

Sept. 20, 1969

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house, and began with a period of quiet meditation. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included letters from the Central Committee for C.O's, Friends Council on Education, Y. M. Finance Committee and the Minute 74 Committee. A letter from the Friends Council for National Legislation concerning a proposed visit from George Bliss was referred to the Yearly Meeting Secretary.

Grace Frost was appointed representative to the Yearly Meeting Arrangements Comm. Ralph Greene, Stephen Robbins, Malvena Robbins, and Effie Cates were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting.

Randall Cates was appointed to act as janitor and asked to call for aid as needed.

Sunday School needs were discussed with suggestions referred to the Christian Education committee

The Quarterly Meeting Leadership Comm. has proposed Paul Cates to serve as Quarterly Meeting worker for one year. The meeting decided to commit itself to the program for one year if accepted by the Quarterly Meeting.

Ralph Greene spoke of the needs of a young woman from the Dominican Republic. A generous contribution was made by those present.

Eleanor Wilson was appointed to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee as representative.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

October 12, 1969

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house after the regular meeting for worship. The meeting was opened in unison with the Sunday School. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read and discussed. The Yearly Meeting Epistle was read. The Quarterly Meeting Leadership program was discussed. Total need is $7400.-, of which our share will be $1600.- or $133.33 per month. This program has been accepted by the Quarterly Meeting and Paul Cates has started as Q. M. Worker. The Q. M. Leadership Committee has disbanded and future needs should be referred to the Ministry and Counsel Committee.

The elm tree removal need was referred to the property committee. A letter is to be prepared and sent to all members of our meeting inform them of the new program.

A committee of Malvena Robbins, Lillian Haslam, and Herbert Cates was appointed to begin proceedings to have Paul Cates appointed as a minister.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

November 9, 1969

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the meeting house at the close of the regular meeting for worship. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters were read and discussed.

It was decided to present Paul Cates' name to the Quarterly Meeting as a Friends minister.

Time of monthly meeting was discussed with no action taken. The re-appointment of committees was discussed and referred to a later meeting.

Concern was expressed about the nature and content of a letter in the Young Friends news sheet "Crier". The Clerk was appointed to inform those in charge of this concern.

The meeting approved the purchase and installation of aluminum combination windows for the meeting house. Price quoted was $250.00 with a few changes to be made in the type of windows needed. Herbert and Mae Cates were appointed to take charge of this project.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit. Benjamin Cates, Clerk.

December 15, 1969

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Annabel Cates.

Minutes were read and approved. Letters received and read from Beacon Hill Friends House, Grace Frost, Jonathan Randall in regard to a new peace picture, and a letter from Robert Lyon of A.F.S.C. which will be referred to Robert Cates. Also a letter from the Friends Meeting House Fund and one from the Friends World Committee.

Tentative plans for a meeting of the monthly meeting ministry and counsel committee was set for Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, at Paul Cates home.

Monthly meeting is to be held at the Church on Jan. 11 at 5:30 P.M. with a carry-in supper and meeting after. Edna Cates, Mae Cates, and Maxine Robbins were appointed as a committee. The clerk was appointed to try and locate a key to the front door and to have duplicates made.

There was a discussion on the arrangement of the benches in the meeting house. It was agreed to try and find a suitable arrangement.

Mention was made of the coming Young Friends Conference at Woolman Hill.

A concern was registered about drug abuse and the fact that we are now directly concerned with this problem in the local area.

Paul Cates mentioned a mid-week conference of Friends ministers in January, and approval was given for his attending.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house, January 11, 1970. After a period of worship the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was reported that duplicate keys to the meeting house have been distributed to members. A letter was read from Ruth Osborne in regard to the appointment of a special racial study committee. Benjamin Cates was requested to serve.

A reminder from the Yearly Meeting office in regard to annual reports. Annabel Cates was appointed to write the state of the meeting report, and Lillian Haslam will do the Statistical report.

Delegates appointed to Quarterly Meeting are Mae Cates, Lillian Haslam, Effie Cates, Paul Cates, and Malvena Robbins. Quarterly meeting dinner committee will be Lillian Haslam, Doris Clowes, and Malvena Robbins.

The roll call letter committee was appointed as follows: Maxine Robbins, Edna Cates, and Paul Cates. Margaret Cates, Doris Clowes, and Malvena Robbins were appointed to revise the standing committees, with Paul Cates as an advisory member.

It was decided to start an adult discussion group on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 P.M. An application for membership was received from Carl and Dorothy Albright of Readfeild. A visitation committee of Benjamin and Edna Cates, Grace Frost and Paul Cates was appointed.

Ralph Greene also announced that Ervin Ricker was interested in identifying with a Friends group. This led to a discussion on the relationship of Friends to each other, and ways of establishing communication between groups with differing ideas. Arrangements for a joint meeting of the Hallowell group and Vassalboro Friends will be planned by Ralph Greene and Paul Cates.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Mae Cates, February 22, 1970. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A request from Methyl Thibodeau for release from membership to join the Fairfield Center Methodist Church was granted.

Margaret Cates was appointed to visit Friends Home in Hingham, Mass. Notification was received from Vassalboro Quarterly meeting of the appointment of Paul Cates as a recorded Friends Minister.

Membership in the Waterville Area Council of Churches was discussed. This was referred to the next monthly meeting.

The treasurers annual report was read and approved. It was thought best to open a checking account for the Monthly Meeting. Also it was decided to review the fire insurance and increase the Patrons Androscoggin policy to $10,000.-

A carry-in supper will be planned for March 8, followed by Monthly Meeting. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the church, March 8, 1970. After a period of silent worship the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Committee was read, requesting three representatives for one year from our ministry and counsel committee to meet with the Q. M. Committee.

Stanley Robbins, and Carl and Dorothy

Albright were accepted as new members.

It was decided to join the Waterville Area Council of Churches. Delegates appointed are Paul Cates, Lillian Haslam, and Malvena Robbins.

Fire insurance on the building and contents were discussed. It was decided to extend the coverage to $10,000, plus $1,000. on contents for a total premium of $75.00. Plans for a simple Easter breakfast were approved, and the matter was referred to the Friendly Circle. It was suggested that we invite the Wescasset Friends.

The Yearly Meeting Budget was discussed, and it was realized that we are falling short of our commitment.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house April 12, 1970. After a period of silent worship, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence included letters from the Y.M. Finance Committee, F.C.N.L. Executive Council Questionnaire, Closing notice of Maine Council of Churches, Notice of Yearly Meeting at Taft School, and Equalization fund request. Also a notice from the Y.M. Christian Education committee of a Family Seminar in Dover on April 18, and information bulletins from the Friends China Camp committee. The Finance Com. letter was referred to the Finance Committee, and the questionnaire was given to Paul Cates to fill out and return. Twenty dollars was donated to the Equalization fund.

There was a discussion on the condition of the Organ and the need for repairs.

A conference on Latin American relations for High School age was discussed. Two boys will go to the conference in Washington D.C. from our meeting on May 3 to 5th. Funds will be in charge of Paul Cates.

A mid-week discussion group was considered in relation to the need for an adult Sunday School class.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house May 17, 1970. After a carry-in supper, the meeting was opened with a period of quiet meditation followed by the approval of the minutes of the last meeting.

Paul Cates, Allan Cates, and Stephen Robbins gave an interesting report on their recent trip to the Washington Young Friends seminar. They mentioned various speakers at the seminar and told of other activities while in Washington. Interviews with Senator Smith and Rep. Kyros were among the highlights of the trip. They also visited the offices of Senator Muskie and Congressman Hathaway.

Gerald Robbins was appointed to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee. The M.M. Finance committee reported sending a total of $708.– toward the Yearly Meeting quota, plus $6.– from the Sunday School and $20 for the equalization fund.

It was decided to order ten copies of the Dartmouth bible for members of the meeting.

Eleanor Wilson, Lillian Haslam, and Edna Cates are appointed to the Q. M. Ministry and Counsel Committee. $1000.- has been received by the Quarterly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown fund toward the Q. M. ministry plan.

Plans were advanced for a work weekend, Monday, May 25 to work on the church property. Yearly Meeting representatives appointed are: Eleanor Wilson, Robert Cates, and Nancy Cates.

The revised list of Monthly Meeting committees follows this minute.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Ministry and Counsel:
George Cates, Chairman
Malvena Robbins
Lillian Haslam
Doris Clowes
Annabel Cates
Eleanor Wilson
Herbert Cates
Gerald Robbins
Benjamin Cates
Edna Cates
Margaret Cates
Paul Cates

Property Committee:
Herbert Cates, Chairman
Gerald Robbins
George Cates
Mae Cates
Benjamin Cates

Missionary Committee:
Malvena Robbins, Chairman
Annabel Cates
Doris Clowes
Mildred Taylor

Peace and Social Concerns:
Paul Cates, Chairman
Eleanor Wilson
Robert Cates
Ralph Greene
Grace Frost
Edna Cates

Christian Education:
Herbert Cates, Chairman
Coralene Cates
Joyce Rowe
Lillian Hadlam
Maxine Robbins
Jean Martin (Adv.)

Finance Committee:
Malvena Robbins, Chairman
George Cates
Maxine Robbins
Lillian Hadlam
Treas. (Gerald Robbins)
Ex. Officio

Music Committee:
Coralene Cates, Chairman
Effie Cates
Doris Clowes
Elizabeth Cates
Paul Cates

Visiting Committee:
Doris Clowes, Chairman
Lillian Hadlam
Mae Cates
Malvena Robbins

Social Committee:
Mae Cates, Chairman
Edna Cates
Maxine Robbins
Arthur Clowes
Randall Cates
Stephen Robbins
Allan Cates
Stephen Cates
Elizabeth Cates (Adv.)
Joyce Rowe
Coralene Cates
Nancy Cates
Laura Cates
Debbie Robbins
Peter Cates
Brian Cates

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house on June 20, 1970. Meeting was opened with a period of silent worship, followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Approval was given to the forthcoming marriage of William Cates and Dawne Colby at our meeting house, and under the care of Friends. A committee on arrangements was appointed consisting of Paul Cates, Mae Cates and Maxine Robbins.

The Dartmouth Bibles have been received, and members may obtain their own copies from the Treasurer.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house July 12, 1970.

After a period of silence the minutes were read and approved.

A request for transfer of membership to the Winthrop meeting was granted to Grace Frost.

A letter from Chas. Blockson in regard to underground railroads was referred to the Historical Society.

Robert Cates reported on the Yearly Meeting sessions, making special note of actions taken in regard to aid to the underprivileged. He also felt the Yearly Meeting showed a growing awareness of, and searching for answers to the problems of the day.

The appeal for funds for financing the storm windows have not been sent.

The treasurer reported all bills paid, and that we appear to be holding our own financially. No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

August 17, 1970

Minutes read and approved
Letter from Thyra Jane Foster
Letter from Friends Journal
Letter from Friends Council on Education
Bethesda Friends Meeting and various other notices

The Treasurer's report showed $100.93 on hand and all bills paid to date.

The clerk was asked to write to Thyra

Jane Foster to Clarify the $50.— request for repairing old books.

It was left up to families to subscribe to the Journal.

The tax situation was discussed.

There was also a discussion on supper projects. The supper Committee is to meet on Wednesday at 8^{30} P.M. at Paul Cates' home.

Mary Hoxie Jones is to speak on the A.F.S.C. on Sunday, August 23rd at 8^{30} P.M.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting are Robert Cates, George Cates and Grace Frost.

Monthly Meeting is planned for Monday, Sept. 14th at the home of Paul Cates

No further business meeting our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Paul Cates on 9-14-70

The following items of business were considered

A Notice of Committee Day

A Letter from Lelia Taylor

A Notice of Friends Seminar

Letters from the Y.M. and a Questionnaire

A report of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, reporting that more money may be needed for the Quarterly Meeting Program.

A sign project is to be undertaken, since the meeting house sign is badly weathered.

The sale of a 9X12 cemetary lot for $50.- to Bruce Cunningham was approved.

The Treasurer reported supper receipts of $184.13, net. Cash on hand is $77.33.

A special collection for the American Friends Service Committee was made on the evening of Mary Hoxie Jones' talk, August 23rd. Receipts were $41.19.

The following fund-raising ideas were proposed: A round-robin basket, a foodless supper.

Elizabeth Cates proposed a special Harvest Sunday with donations of food for the needy in our area. The idea was approved. Other plans for the fall season were discussed.

Quarterly Meeting representatives for the North Fairfield Meeting are Paul Cates, Lillian Haslam, Maxine Robbins, Ben Cates.

We hold deed to the East Benton meeting.

We discussed the opportunity to obtain the corner property between the cemetary and Cunningham's. Malvena Robbins says she will donate it to the meeting.

No further business meeting our attention we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house October 11, 1970. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Ed Hinshaw was read in regard to the young Friends mid-winter Conference, which will be held at Oak Grove-Coburn School this year. Other Correspondence was read and discussed with no action taken.

Representatives to the November Quarterly Meeting will be Lillian Haslam, Malvina Robbins, Doris Clowes and Stephen Robbins.

The treasurer's report was received, and in view of increased financial outlay it was thought wise to limit ourselves at this time to necessary expenditures.

Plans are to open our Sunday School in November

It was noted that the deed for meeting house property appears to have been lost over the years

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates - Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the Meeting House Dec 13, 1970.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was read and discussed. A letter from the Q. M. finance committee was referred to Gerald Robbins.

Donations of $135.– have been given to the meeting in memory of Marian Murray and have been put in a special memorial fund to be used toward the construction of a Sunday School room in the basement or for some other worthwhile project. Members of the meeting and the community were saddened by Marian's death on Friday, Dec. 4th in a traffic accident.

A request was approved for the use of the meeting house for the marriage of Susan Roberts and Robert M. Price of Readfield on 12/30. Refreshments will be in care of the ladies of the Church.

A request for the loan of the organ for the Christmas cantata was approved if it was found to be needed.

Emergency repairs to the furnace have been made.

The Friends' Calendars have arrived and may be purchased by interested Friends.

The cemetary plot plan has been found and is now in the possession of Herbert Cates.

Heaters for the ante rooms have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Paul Cates, Jan. 10, 1971

Correspondence included a letter on statistical reports, one on a Quaker youth pilgrimage in America, a report from George Fox College, a letter from Kevin Towle in regard to his refusal to register.

The treasurer's report was given. The bill has been paid for work on the records. The ladies received $70.00 from catering for the Roberts-Price wedding.

The bill for the heaters: $105.02 has been paid.

Representatives to February Quarterly Meeting are Gerald Robbins, Mae Cates, Joyce Rowe, Malvena Robbins and Stanley Robbins.

The dinner committee members are:

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Doris Clowes, Maxine Robbins, Joyce Rowe.

The roll-call letters committee are Maxine Robbins, Herbert Cates, Lillian Haslam and Paul Cates.

Approval was given to our participation in the local ecumenical and Lenten services being planned for the coming Lenten season.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house February 21, 1971. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read. Friends were invited to attend "Friends Witness for Peace" in Cambridge on April 9th.

The annual treasurer's report was read and approved.

It was decided to transfer the Friends House Fund to the Depositors Trust Co.

It was suggested that inquiries be made as to the status of the East Benton Meeting House property. Paul Cates was asked to inquire.

The date for Roll-call Sunday was set for March 21st, and a Committee meeting was called for Feb. 22nd.

The Committee for the Spiritual Condition Report will be Annabel Cates, Effie Cates, Benjamin Cates.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house March 21, 1971

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was read from AFSC, The Friends Camp Committee; a notice of a workshop weekend was read.

Plans were discussed for an Easter breakfast on April 11th, the committee being Coralene Cates, Randall Cates, Steven Robbins and Elesabeth Cates. The first Wednesday of each month was designated as silent meeting night.

Gerald Robbins, Treasurer, reported plans for meeting our monthly meeting budget by using interest available from our funds.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro M. Mtg. of Friends met at the home of Paul Cates, Monday, April 12, 1971. Paul reported plans for a silent meeting on the first Wednesday evening of each month.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was read from Friends World Committee, The A.F.S.C. Cambridge Clothing Center, The Friends General Conference Comm. on Indian Affairs, and N.E. Yearly Meeting.

The treasurer reported roll-call receipts of over \$413.–, a Friendly Circle donation of \$111.– and that \$800.– has been paid to the Yearly Meeting treasurer. (\$800.– for the budget and \$20.– for the Equalization Fund) All bills are

GEORGE E. WEBBER

VASSALBORO — George E. Webber, 79, a long time resident of Vassalboro, died Monday, March 7, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Leavitt, in Malden, Mass.

He is survived by his widow, Millicent Cotton Webber of Malden; a son, M/Sgt. Daniel C. Webber of Seneca Falls, N. Y., two daughters, Mrs. Priscilla Leavitt of Malden and Mrs. Horace Smith of St. Johnsbury, Vt; two brothers. Robert Webber and Benjamin Webber, and a sister, Miss Maude Webber of East Bridgewater, Mass., and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday from the Calvin funeral home in Reading, Mass., with burial in Forest Glen cemetery in Reading.

Mr. Webber was a member of the Friends Church in East Vassalboro. He was a member of the Grange for 30 years.

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THE WEATHER

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paid to date with about $70.- Cash on hand.

Gerald Robbins reported on the meeting of the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee which he attended.

Representatives to the Waterville area Council of Churches are Paul Cates, Lillian Haslam and Malvena Robbins.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting are Ralph Greene, Stephen Robbins, Gerald Cates and Lillian Haslam.

Approval was given for the use of the meeting house on April 25th for a Coffee for the Community Choir.

A discussion on the possibility of giving two fund-raising suppers received the support of members present.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Annabel Cates, May 10, 1971. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Friends General Conference regarding statistics was read.

A supper committee was appointed: Lillian Haslam, Elisabeth Cates, Maxine Robbins, Joyce Rowe. Dates: June 19, Aug. 28.

The treasurer reported using the interest of various funds to pay current bills.

Malvena Robbins sent word that she plans to have book-holders made for the back of the benches in the meeting house, this being a gift in memory of Maurice Robbins. This offer was gratefully approved by members present.

Paul Cates reported the promise of a gift of insurance money from Richard Murray in memory of Marion Murray. Discussions of present needs of the meeting ensued. The most urgent need seemed to be a new heating system.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting are Eleanor Wilson, Paul Cates, Stephen Robbins, Robert Cates.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Paul and Elisabeth Cates, June 7, 1971

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters were read from the Y. M. Equalization Fund, The Y.M. Finance Committee, Minute 60 and The Friends Journal.

Yearly Meeting Committee appointments were made as follows: Finance, Gerald Robbins. Nominating, Margaret Cates. Ministry and Counsel, Edna Cates

The treasurer reported $92.00 on hand, with most of the bills paid to date.

Approval was given to the treasurer to transfer the Friends House account to the Kennebec Savings and Loan at 5¼% interest.

It was the feeling of the meeting that sale of lots in the Cemetery should be limited to those families with definite ties to the meeting.

We discussed a plan for holding an open market as a fund-raising project. This will be discussed again at a future monthly meeting.

The proposal to use the Marian Murray fund for a new electric organ was approved by the meeting. A committee to make the purchase was appointed: Ann Edmondson, Coraline Cates, Helen Wyman and Paul Cates.

Paul Cates reported the receipt of a gift of a marriage certificate dated Dec. 4, 1856. The couple married were William Bailey and Mary C. Nichols, and the place was East Vassalboro meeting.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Mae Cates on July 12, 1971.

After a period of silent worship, Edna Cates read correspondence which included a letter from the F.C.N.L. concerning the Alaskan native claims issue, a letter from William Penn House regarding projects for Friends service, and a letter from Ralph Cook, chairman of the Q.M. Committee on Ministry and Counsel with regard to fund-raising and evaluation of our future needs as a meeting.

Margaret Cates and Stephen Robbins reported on Yearly Meeting sessions.

Margaret spoke of the concern manifested at Y.M. on the relation of the Y.M. to Lincoln and Moses Brown schools.

Stephen Robbins spoke of plans for a Young Friends Quarterly Meeting and asked for the use of the meeting house on Saturday, Sept. 11. This was approved.

The amount Cleared on our supper was $235.05. The Friendly Circle donated $70.00 from their food sale. Additional funds will be needed for the continuance of our present program.

The Friends House account has been closed out at The Federal Trust Co. $5,000 of this account is now at 5¾% interest, $1,000 at 5% and $143,- in our general fund savings account.

Quarterly meeting at South China will be held on August 7th. Representatives are Gerald Robbins, Mae Cates, Doris Clowes, Joyce Sutherland and Eleanor Wilson.

The treasurer reported

Checking acct.	$113.91
C.O.H.	133.04
Gen. Fd.	161.64
Total, July 12th	$408.54

The Marian Murray Fund is $1719.32. It was noted That Peter and James Sutherland should be listed as members of our meeting.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet at The usual time if The Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Annabel Cates, Aug. 19, 1971. After a period of silent worship the minutes were read and approved.

Letters were read from: Margaret Wentworth, regarding the one percent more fund and the Committee to end the war in Indo China.

Edna Cates' appointment to represent us on the new Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel committee was confirmed.

Friends Journal school year subscriptions are to be sent to both Nancy and Peter Cates.

The purchase of the new electric organ was approved by the monthly meeting. This organ is a gift to the meeting in memory of Marian Murray.

A pageant on 194 years of Vassalboro Quaker history was presented on August 7 in the meeting house to a capacity audience. This pageant was a result of the work and research done by Stephen Robbins and Paul Cates, and was written by Stephen Robbins.

A group of young people with Quaker leanings has been reported in the Farmington area. Some of our members will visit them if possible to encourage them in their concern to return to a simpler, saner life.

The treasurer reported Cash on Hand $3.32, Checking Acct. $80.11, General Fund $839.02. All bills are paid to date.

A deed was presented to the meeting for a corner lot on the southwest corner of the cemetery. This is a gift from Malvena Robbins and will square off the church property. It will be recorded in the Kennebec Registry of Deeds.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Lillian Haslam Sept 12, 1971.

After a period of silence, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A request for membership was received from Julia Brown, who wishes to transfer her membership from Oak Grove Monthly Meeting to Vassalboro M.M., and also to keep her sojourning membership at Santa Barbara, California. This request was approved

Yearly Meeting Committee day is Sept 18th.

A letter from the Friends Council on Education was read.

A request was received from Norman LaChance for extra land in the cemetery adjacent to their lots. It was decided to investigate more fully.

Fred Pope has offered to give a family bible to the meeting. It was felt that we should accept. Ralph Kent has offered to pick it up for us.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Benjamin and Edna Cates October 13, 1971

The meeting was proceeded by a carry-in supper which was enjoyed by those present.

After a period of silent worship the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included letters from: The International Appeal Committee, the Equalization Fund Committee, The Friends Peace Appeal, the Youth and Education Secretary, The Friends Clothing Center and The Prison Visitation Service for C.O's We also received a notice of a Ministry and Counsel meeting on Oct. 15th.

The Equalization Fund letter was referred to Young Friends with a suggestion for a food sale. The names of Randall Cates, Laura Lee Cates and Stephen Robbins as a Committee were suggested.

Joyce Rowe was named as representative to the A.F.S.C. Clothing Committee.

A list of young Friends is to be sent to Ed Hinshaw. Interested young Friends leaders are requested to attend the leadership training Oct. 23 in Wellesley.

A roof leak was discussed. The matter was referred to the property committee.

The Sunday school situation was discussed. Classes will start Oct. 17.

A cover for the organ was discussed, and the matter left in the hands of the ladies.

The treasurer reported C.O.H.	$34.94
Checking	135.12
Gen. Fund	561.28
Total.	$731.34

Special fund-raising projects during the summer brought in $793.77 over and above regular contributions.

Paul and Elisabeth Cates will visit Elisabeth's family in Germany in November. Speakers for the month will be:

Nov. 7th	Ralph Greene
14th	Fr. Gerard Bouchard
21st	Abe Sangree
28th	Gregory Harrison

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Annabel Cates Nov. 14, 1971. After a period of silent worship, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Arrangements were discussed and approved for the payment of $10.- each from Vassalboro and Winthrop meetings to both Abram Sangree and Gregory Harrison for travel expenses. This will be made up from the Quarterly Meeting visiting ministers fund.

Correspondence was received from Ralph Greene, The Minute 74 Committee, and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. It was also thought that arrangements should be made to reimburse Ralph Greene for his travel expense if he so desires.

The treasurer reported

COH	$167.40
Checking	$ 24.46
Gen. Fund	515.37
Total	737.30

and a balance of $351.10 in the

Marion Murray memorial fund. Our monthly allotment to the Quarterly meeting is $191.67.

The furnace situation is still unresolved and needs further study. A food and fancy-work sale was discussed. This was referred to the young people of the meeting for further thought.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Paul and Elisabeth Cates, Dec. 13, 1976. After a period of silent worship the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was read from the N.E. Friends Home, Right Sharing of World Resources Committee of N.E.Y.M. and the Pax World Fund.

Plans were discussed for special music on Christmas Sunday and for a special New Years eve get together.

It was noted that both adult and Children's Sunday school are active.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Herbert and Coralene Cates, Jan 17, 1972. After a period of silent worship the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included letters from Eleanor Wilson with regard to the statistical report; a notice of a N.E.Y.M. Conference on mysticism, March 10-12; and various notices from other Friends organizations.

A report from the treasurer indicates that at this point expenses are ahead of income for the month.

The statistical report shows a gain of two members during the year, bringing the total to 61, about half of which are resident members

George Cates, Lillian Haslam, Doris Clowes and Nancy Cates are appointed representatives to Quarterly Meeting.

Malvena Robbins will be in charge of the spiritual condition report.

The committee to write the roll-call letter will be Effie Cates, Ralph & Celia Kent, Ben Cates and Laura Lee Cates

Notice was given of an evening service for the community at our meeting house. The occasion is the Day of Prayer for Christian unity. Refreshments are planned.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Benjamin and Edna Cates, Feb. 21, 1972. The meeting was preceded by a carry-in supper which was enjoyed by all.

After a period of worship the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Correspondence included letters from the Yearly Meeting finance Committee, Friends Witness for Peace, Friends United Meeting Committee and Friends General Conference Committee, and The Friends Meeting for Sufferings.

The treasurer's report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1971 was read and approved.

Our approval was given for continued support of the present Quarterly Meeting worker program under the direction of Paul Cates.

The roll-call letter was approved, with March 19th as the date for our annual roll call meeting.

Plans were discussed for a food-sale under the direction of the young Friends as a fund-raising project for the benefit of those planning to attend the coming Washington seminar.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Lillian Haslam, March 14, 1972. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included letters from the Friends Committee on Indian Affairs, the Friends World Committee, the N.E.Y.M. Committee for releasing young Friends, and the Friends Witness for Peace.

The Spiritual condition report was read and approved. The treasurer reported $306.67 C.O.H.

It is regret that we report the death of Lyda Webber who has long been associated with our meeting.

Friends present joined in a serious and interesting discussion of the individual Friend's relationship to the community and to society in general.

Notice was made of the Community Lenten services. Several of our members have taken an active part, both in the ministry and the chorus.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Benjamin and Edna Cates April 17, 1972. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included notice of Friends General Conference June 24 to July 1, and letters from the FCNL, Beacon Hill Friends House and the Waterville Area Council of Churches.

The treasurer reported over $400.- on hand after bills are paid. It was decided to pay for organ repairs from the memorial fund, and to send $300,- toward the yearly meeting budget.

There was a discussion on the idea of having a more or less unprogrammed meeting during the summer months. No action was taken.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Winthrop, May 5 are: Stephen Robbins, Deborah Rowe, Malvena Robbins, Lillian Haslam, and Ralph Kent.

Friends wish to record the birth of Dorothee Ann Cates, daughter of Paul and Elisabeth Cates, born April 9, 1972.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the meeting house May 7, 1972. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Joyce Rowe, Lillian Haslam and Malvena Robbins were appointed to revise the monthly meeting committees. Correspondence was read and discussed.

It was decided to try a semi-unprogrammed meeting during the summer months. Our hope is to have a simple form of service, but with special music and perhaps guest speakers when available. Paul is to have a sermon prepared when needed.

Representatives to yearly meeting at Geneva Point, N.H. are Margaret Cates, Robert Cates, Stephen Robbins, Edna Cates and Stanley Robbins. Gerald Robbins was appointed to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, and Edna

Cates to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel. Margaret Cates was appointed to Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Ben and Edna Cates, June 5, 1972. After a period of silent worship, the minutes were read and approved. A request for membership from Henry Warren was received and referred to our Ministry and Counsel Committee for consideration.

Announcement of the marriage of Robert Cates to Judy Rosen was reported.

Work is needed on a broken window, the cemetery fence, lawn mowing and the room in the entry-way.

The financial report: C.O.H. $51.85
Checking $9.03
General $156.55
Total $217.43

There was a discussion on money raising projects for the summer. The committee to work on the projects is Maxine Robbins, Elizabeth Cates, Nancy Cates, Deborah Rowe, Stephen Robbins, Lillian Haslom.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the meeting house July 2, 1972. The meeting was begun with a short period of silence.

Representatives appointed for Quarterly Meeting are Nancy Cates, Lillian Haslam, Barbara Warren, George Cates and Ralph Kent.

The Ministry and Counsel committee reported favorably on the request for membership of Henry and Barbara Warren. It was approved that we accept the Warrens as members.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Ben and Edna Cates Aug. 6, 1972. After a period of worship, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read and discussed.

A public supper is planned for Aug 26th at the Grange Hall as a fund-raising project. An open market is planned for Sept 2nd. Saundra Cates and Karen Chapman from Durham will present a musical concert Aug 18 at the meeting house.

We are saddened by the unexpected death of James Sutherland on July 25th.

It was reported that over $200.— was realized at the last public supper.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Ralph and Celia Kent Sept. 11, 1972. Meeting was begun with a period of silent worship, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was read and discussed. Yearly Meeting Committees will meet at Wellesley, Mass. on Sept 30.

The treasurer's report showed C.O.H. $67.43, Checking $476.16 and General Fund $22.87.

It was decided to send the Friends Journal to Peter Cates, Stephen Robbins, and Margaret and Harold Wyman.

There was a discussion on our present form of worship. It was recognized that some like an unprogrammed meeting, while others prefer a more structured type of worship. It was felt that this matter needed more thought and it was referred to the next monthly meeting or to the Ministry and Counsel Committee.

Property repairs needed are on a broken window and gravel on the driveway.

Sunday school will probably start in October. Paul and Herbert Cates and Maxine Robbins were asked to make plans.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro monthly meeting of Friends met at the home of Ben and Edna Cates, October 1, 1972. After a period of silent worship the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included letters from the Friends General Conference, the Friends United Meeting and Beacon Hill Friends House.

The discussion on our form of worship was reopened. There were minor changes suggested which will be tried this coming month.

There was a consideration of the problems of our Sunday school. Adult class needs were discussed.

Corner room repairs will be undertaken as soon as is convenient.

The Sunday school will reopen on October 15th.

Community Christmas cantata rehearsals were approved for Sunday afternoons.

Friends discussed putting on a supper for members of the Land Trust on Nov. 4th at the Grange Hall. The supper committee will be Paul and Elizabeth Cates, Joyce Rowe and Ralph Kent.

The treasurer's report: C.O.H. $144.98, Checking $239.36, Savings $22.87. All bills are paid.

Effie Cates, Malvena Robbins, Paul Cates, Eleanor Wilson and Henry Warren were appointed delegates to the North Fairfield Quarterly Meeting.

Y.M. minute books for 1972 were passed out.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Ben and Edna Cates November 12, 1972. After a period of silent worship the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read and discussed. Included were 1) a request for information, which was referred to Eleanor Wilson 2) An appeal for Viet Nam relief funds 3) a questionnaire from the executive committee which was referred to the Sunday school. (4) a Minute 74 appeal for funds (5) A transfer of membership of George and Mildred Keller from Burlington Monthly Meeting in New Jersey. Their request for membership in our meeting was accepted and a notice to Burlington will be sent by the Clerk.

The treasurer reported receiving $250.- from the supper for the Land Trust group.

Present funds include COH $21.02, Checking $277.38, Savings $163.17 or a total of $461.57 with all bills paid.

A budget program for 1973 was suggested. This was referred to the finance committee for further action.

Man's relationship to the earth and his environment was discussed. The idea of the possible development of a query in relation to this concern was approved. It was hoped that a statement might be prepared in time for Quarterly Meeting or the Executive Council

The committee structure of our

meeting was discussed. It was thought that we might devote some time at the next monthly meeting to this topic.

The next monthly meeting is to be at the Herbert and Coralene Cates home, Dec 10th, after a carry-in dinner.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Herbert and Coralene Cates, December 10, 1972. The meeting was opened with a period of silent worship. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included letters from the Minute 60 Committee, The Minute 74 Committee and Friends' Council on Education.

The treasurer's report showed balances on hand as follows: Cash $24.00, Checking $429.37 and Savings $163.17 or a total of $616.54.

Plans were discussed for a New Years' Eve get-together.

There was a discussion on the committee structure of the meeting, and it was thought best to appoint committees only as needed. A property and finance committee was appointed as follows: Herbert Cates, Henry Warren, Ralph Kent, George Keller, plus the clerk and treasurer.

Henry Warren was asked to serve as Sunday School coordinator.

No further business demanding our

attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Ben and Edna Cates after a carry-in dinner on January 21, 1973. The meeting was begun with a period of silent worship. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included a letter from George School regarding scholarship opportunities.

Representatives appointed to Quarterly Meeting are Maxine, Malvena and Stephen Robbins, Ralph Kent, and Effie Cates.

Approval was given to put a cement floor in the basement and to replace the oil line to the furnace. This action was left to the property Committee.

Paul Cates reported on plans for the Quarterly Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting dinner committee appointed was Lillian Haslam, Mae Cates and Elizabeth Cates. Paul plans to attend the Quaker Leadership Conference in Washington this week.

The treasurer's report for the year showed an income of $4422.00 and disbursement of $3697.— Balances showed C.O.H. $165.22, Checking $722.— and a Savings Acct. of $349.00 or a total of $1236.22. The treasurer was instructed to send $300.— to the Q.M. treasurer toward our quota. $100.— has been sent previously for mission use.

The committee to prepare the roll-call letter will be Malvena Robbins, Lillian Haslam, and Paul Cates. March 18th was set for Roll-Call meeting, followed by a carry-in dinner and monthly meeting.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Henry and Barbara Warren February 18, 1973, preceded by a carry-in dinner.

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Monthly meeting time was changed to the Third Sunday at 1 PM, the place to be announced.

Sojourning membership in Orono Meeting was granted to Stephen Robbins.

A letter was received from the Friends Witness for Peace. We discussed the possibility of starting a witness for peace in this area. Paul Cates was appointed as coordinator.

Gerald Robbins reported on the N.E. Y.M. Finance Committee meeting.

Ben Cates reported on the Friends China Camp committee meeting.

The treasurer's Report: Cash $29.00
Checking $348.64
Gen'l. $165.22
Total $542.86

The insurance premium for the meeting house is to be renewed. The matter was left to the property committee and our treasurer will discuss it with the insurance agent.

The electric bill seems to be high. The heater in the small room needs to be regulated and checked.

A spiritual condition report committee was appointed: Margaret Cates, Barbara Warren, Malvena Robbins.

Lillian Haslam is preparing the annual statistical report for the yearly meeting.

Q. m. Min. – Counsel

Representatives to the Quarterly Mtg. Ministry and Counsel committee were appointed. They are
Henry Warren - 3 years
George Cates - 2 years
Edna Cates - 1 year

Henry Warren reported that samples of educational material have been received from the Friends General Conference. The committee thought that they should continue about as is for the present, and concentrate on long-range plans for the coming year, 1973-'74

There was a discussion on ideas for different ways of meeting the problems of the small meeting, also a suggestion that we read one of the queries at the start of each monthly meeting.

A concern was expressed that there should be specific bible-teaching in any religious education program.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again on March 18th if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house March 18, 1973. After a period of silent worship the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

In our correspondence was a booklet from the Friends General Conference and an offer by Friends Journal to send us extra copies on occasion. A letter from the Aroostook Indian Assn. was read. George Keller will keep us informed on the status of Indian legislation. There was also a donation request from Woolman Hill and the annual Mosher Book Committee letter

A letter was received from Doris Clowes, requesting that her name be withdrawn from membership. The request was accepted with regret. A letter in response will be written by the clerk.

We heard reports from the Treasurer, from the property committee on our insurance, and from the Budget Committee. The budget committee suggested that we might eliminate one of our 2 annual public suppers if income from member contributions seems to be adequate.

The spiritual condition report was read and approved.

Henry Warren spoke to a concern in regard to preparing for worship as stated in our query #2

Paul announced Lenten services among area Churches. There will be such a service on April 5th at $7^{\underline{30}}$ PM at East Vassalboro Friends. Special music and refreshments are to be provided by our meeting. The refreshment committee is Annabel Cates, Celia Kent, Lillian Haslam, Mae Cates and Malvena Robbins. Paul Cates will be in charge of special music.

The men of the meeting are to prepare our Palm Sunday breakfast on April 25th. We will have monthly meeting after meeting for worship on that day.

It was approved to send flowers to Philip and Susan Haines in honor of the birth of their son, Joshua Wills Haines, born on March 12, 1973.

No further business demanding our attention we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house April 15, 1973. After a period of silent worship, selections were read from the queries. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting were chosen: Lillian Haslam, Henry Warren, Malvena Robbins, Deborah Rowe and Annabel Cates.

The committee for the Easter service is Margaret Cates, Coralene Cates, Joyce Rowe, Maxine Robbins and Stephen Robbins.

Correspondence was read from the Meeting School in Rindge, N.H., from the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and China Camp Committee.

The transfer of membership of Irma, Esther and Emily Simon was approved, and they were welcomed as new members.

The treasurer reported COH. $160.67, Checking $23.00 and Savings $165.22 or a total of $348.89.

Allen Gray was given permission to do repair work on the cemetery fence bordering his property.

It was felt that we should check on the East Benton meeting house property.

Clean-up day was set for April 28.

It was suggested that a check-list be prepared and placed inside the front door in regard to checking and closing up after meetings.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting-house May 20, 1973. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was received from the Friends General Conference, Woolman Hill, N.E. Friends home, Friends Committee for Releasing Young Friends, the Orono Friends meeting and the Cambridge Friends meeting. It was decided to send $10.- from our meeting to the Committee for Releasing Young Friends and $25.- to the Equalization Fund.

Paul Cates reported on the Quarterly Mtg. Ministry and Counsel meeting.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Annabel Cates June 17, 1973.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurers report C.O.H. $90.37
Checking $16.50
Savings $165.22
Total $272.09

The meeting reluctantly approved the request of Carleton and Saundra Cates for the transfer of their membership to Durham Friends meeting.

Correspondence included letters from George School, N.E. Yearly Mtg., and an announcement of the F.C.N.L. Fall conference.

Delegates to N.E. Yearly Meeting were Margaret Cates, Nancy Cates, Ralph Greene, Stanley Robbins and Deborah Rowe.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the cottage of Esther Jones and Irma Simon July 22, 1973. After a period of silent worship the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included letters from the N.E.Y.M. Equalization Fund Committee, Earlham College, and Beacon Hill Friends House.

A financial report of the public supper showed income of $261.—, less a few remaining expenses. The treasurers' report showed C.O.H. $23.71, Savings $165.22, Checking $126.51 or a total of $315.44, plus proceeds of the supper.

Plans were discussed for an Open Market on Aug 18th. The supper committee will serve as Open Market Committee.

Quarterly Meeting representatives will be Irma Simon, Paul Cates, Malvena Robbins, Stephen Robbins and Mae Cates.

Y.M. committee appts.

Yearly Meeting Committee appointees are: Nominating Committee: Margaret Cates, Finance: Gerald Robbins, Christian Education: Henry Warren, and Ministry and Counsel: Edna Cates.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

There was no monthly meeting in August, when we had 2 weeks of meeting vacation.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Paul and Elisabeth Cates September 16, 1973.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read from the American Friends Service Committee, concerning job opportunities, and from the Friends Journal.

Applications for membership from Roger and Sarah Yates and Deborah Rowe were approved, and they are accepted as members.

The Sunday school situation was discussed. Henry Warren gave a prepared summary of the problems involved. He suggested setting aside ~~two~~ one Sunday~~s~~ a month, developing themes as an educational program after meeting, followed by a carry-in dinner and possibly business meeting. It was suggested that families on Committees might develop special programs on these Sundays.

A committee for exploring this program was Henry Warren, Sarah Yates, Irma Simon, Barbara Warren and particularly interested members.

Plans were discussed for a weekend retreat November 2-4 with Douglas and Dorothy Steere. A committee to help with arrangements was appointed, consisting of Joyce Rowe, Lillian Haslam, Millie Keller and Effie Cates. Elizabeth and Paul Cates are in charge of overnight accomodations.

Quarterly Meeting representatives are George Cates, George and Millie Keller, Sarah Yates and Mike Yates.

A discussion of the East Benton property was referred to the property committee.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house October 21, 1973. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Correspondence included letters from Wilmington College, a copy of the Minute from California Yearly Meeting concerning unity among Friends, and information from the "Memorial Society of the Pine Tree State".

There was no action taken on an offer to buy the old organ.

A nominating Committee for Clerk and recording Clerk are Barbara Warren, George Keller and Joyce Rowe.

We plan to continue the festival Sundays once a month in conjunction with monthly meeting - George Keller will be asked to head the November meeting.

The treasurer reported Cash on hand \$43.20, Savings \$286.70, Checking \$400.34, or a total of \$730.24. Net proceeds from the open market were \$334.44.

Ann Armstrong of Midcoast Meeting wishes to visit meetings in this area to report on a Ministry and Counsel retreat. Paul Cates will make arrangements.

George Keller was appointed to the Quarterly Meeting budget committee.

All members were urged to take advantage of the forthcoming visit of Douglas and Dorothy Steere.

No further business demanding our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permit.

Benjamin Cates, Clerk.

November 18, 1973

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house November 18, 1973, after a carry-in dinner that was enjoyed by all. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee proposed Henry Warren as presiding clerk and Millie Keller as recording clerk. These nominations were approved by the meeting.

Correspondence was received from: Friends Indo-China Appeal, AFSC Retreat, New England Friends Home, Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, and Langley Hill Friends Meeting in McLean, Va. It was suggested that the Indo-China relief drive might be undertaken some time in December.

Ideas were presented in regard to saving fuel in relation to the energy situation. This was left open for further thought.

Paul Cates reported that the Chapins are interested in presenting another puppet program.

Mid Coast Meeting is planning discussion on the California Minute on December 24. All are invited.

Treasurer reports cash on hand $34.55, checking account $447.77, and savings $224.62 for a total of $706.94. $53.24 was received from the weekend retreat. $300 will be sent to the Yearly Meeting quota.

No further business demanding our attention, we concluded, purposing to meet at the usual time if the Lord permits. Benjamin Cates, Clerk

December 16, 1973

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the meeting house December 16, 1973, following a potluck dinner. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Interest was expressed in having Chauteau Chapins' puppet program in the next month or two.

Friends discussed ways of giving the food collected through the

Christmas food tree. The sense of the meeting left the matter to Marge Wilkins and Paul and Elizabeth Cates to take care of as seemed best to them.

The question of a contribution to the Indo-China Appeal, which had been held over from the previous meeting was again brought up. The Clerk suggested that the budget be reviewed in relation to the overall use of meeting funds before deciding contributions to special causes.

In discussing the energy crisis, a concern was expressed to have one central building in the Vassalboro area heated on Sundays and a number of churches meet there. It was suggested that the Catholic Church might lend itself to such use. Paul Cates reported on discussions with other groups regarding the energy crisis and warned against making such decisions hastily, in light of the fact that the meeting house is small and easily heated and our group is small and relatively flexible. It was pointed out that we should be willing to be inconvenienced, if need be, along with others. The meeting agreed to leave the matter open, authorizing Paul to continue discussion with other churches, while the Building Committee pursue further ways of conserving energy such as lowering the thermostat, investigating a glass door for the fire-place, repairing storm windows, and checking on insulation.

The Clerk was authorized to purchase from the Friends World Committee a Directory of North and

South American Friends Meetings.

It was suggested that a carol sing be held next Sunday evening, Dec. 23, at the meeting house, to which the community would be invited. This met with the approval of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, purposing to meet at the usual time next month if the Lord wills.

Respectfully submitted,
Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

January 20, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the meeting house January 20, 1974, after a carry-in dinner. Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Discussion followed about the annual State of the Society report, and it was noted that a spiritual, rather than an activity, summary was required. It was suggested that each member prepare a report which would then be analyzed and combined into a Meeting Report for forwarding to Quarterly and Yearly Meeting. A committee was selected, consisting of Joyce Rowe, Ben Cates, and Sarah Yates.

The statistical report for Yearly Meeting is to be turned over to Lillian Haslam for compilation and forwarding to the Meeting Office.

A brief discussion ensued on the status of the church building in Sidney, to which the Meeting has title. It was generally agreed that we should encourage its continued use as a church and perhaps turn the building over to the present users. It was agreed to lay the matter aside until the next meeting in order to further explore the legal problems and the actual interests of the users.

It was noted that Quarterly Meeting, to be held in Vassalboro on February 16, 1974, would require the usual hospitality committee. Sarah Yates agreed to provide leadership, with all women of the meeting assisting. The program would be provided by Ed Hinshaw.

The annual budget having been adopted in February, 1973, it was felt that a review of the budget in preparation for the adoption of the 1974 budget was appropriate. During 1973 expenditures of $4202.42 were not quite balanced by revenues of $3983.72, with the difference coming from cash on hand and bank accounts. The January financial statement was:

Checking acct.	$274.16
Saving acct.	283.70
Cash on hand	33.85
	$591.71

It was agreed that an attempt should be made to keep accounts in expenditure categories and a quarterly check with the budget estimates made.

Paul Cates noted that the meeting's increased donation to the Quarterly Meeting worker fund was not being passed on to the workers as prescribed. It was agreed to raise the matter at Quarterly Meeting.

Paul Cates noted that Roll Call Sunday was approaching and a committee to prepare the traditional letter was needed. A committee of Paul Cates, Lillian Haskam, and Malvina Robbins was approved, with Anabel Cates to assist if possible. In addition it was agreed to include the letter in the Minute Book as a historical document.

The Recording Clerk was asked to look into the possibility of a new style minute book.

Paul Cates read the list of members serving on the various committees and asked that we consider spreading the duties out more equitably and evaluating the functions of the meeting. It was agreed to discuss the matter more fully at a later date. The name of Bev Cates was approved for the property committee.

Christian Education was discussed at great length as we struggled with various alternatives to improve our spiritual knowledge at all age levels, having agreed to limit the 'festival Sunday' concept to occasional special days.

1) All members would stress timeliness to allow adequate time for worship and First Day School.
2) Younger children (up to 10) would leave during worship to begin their program and allow for a more centered adult worship. First Day School to continue from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., approximately.
3) Programs for teens or adults would be worked on by each group on its own.
4) Teaching responsibilities to be rotated on a basis to be determined at a later date.
5) A committee should be appointed to lay out long term goals and programs, to establish a framework, and to

select curricula and materials.
A committee of Barbara Warren, Debbie Rowe, Stephen Robbins, Sarah Yates, Joyce Rowe, Elizabeth Cates, and Philip Haines was approved.

Parents were invited to contribute ideas at any time.

A questionnaire from Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel was presented for responses about membership attraction. Edna Cates agreed to note tentative answers for discussion after meeting for worship February 10.

There being no further business the meeting concluded, purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits.

Harry E. Warren
Presiding Clerk

February 3, 1974

A special meeting for business was called by the Clerk following the regular meeting for worship on February 3. The purpose was to present to the Monthly Meeting the request of Emily Zabrodnik and Stephen Cates to be married after the manner of Friends and under the care of the meeting on February 9, 1974.

The Clerk asked, since time was short, that the usual procedure be dispensed with and the meeting give its approval forthwith. Friends expressed willingness to do so, and approval was given for the marriage to take place on February 9, 1974 under the care of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

Jan. 20 (cont.) 1974

Paul Cates noted that a meeting of Young Friends of the area was being held on Saturday, the 26th, to see if there were interest in developing a program at that level.

Several Friends noted the necessity for attenders to speak up in meeting for worship so all could hear their ministry.

Paul Cates stated that North Fairfield Meeting had suggested the possibility of joining with this meeting in a Christmas to Easter prayer chain. It was agreed that fulfillment of this responsibility was not possible this year with so little notice.

The following were approved as Quarterly Meeting representatives — Ben Cates, Henry Warren, Malvina Robbins, George Cates, Paul Cates.

It was suggested that adults might want to start a discussion group focused on the Douglas Steere pamphlet on prayer. Edna Cates offered to provide the meeting place.

February 17, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the Meeting house at 1:30 p.m. on First Day, February 17, 1974, following a shared meal, with Henry Warren, Clerk, presiding.

Minutes of the meeting of January 20th were read and approved with minor corrections. Minutes of the special meeting of February 3rd were also read and approved.

Several items of correspondence were noted: a report from Pendle Hill; a notice from Yearly Meeting of two procedural changes to be instituted this year, one having to do with memorials, the other increasing the role of representatives to Yearly Meeting; a newsletter from Friends United Meeting on "Creative Aging"; a notice of a meeting at Beacon Hill Friends House February 23rd on "Friends Responsibility for Human Sexuality.

Statiscal Report

The statistical report of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, prepared by Lillian Haslam for the Yearly Meeting, was presented. It shows a membership of 65 last year, with 8 members added by certificate. With several members lost by death and other reasons, the membership now stands at 70, a net gain of 5 members. Attendance at meeting for worship has averaged 30, at First Day School 13.

East Benton property

The matter of the East Benton property, previously discussed, was brought up by the clerk who announced he had the deed in his possession. There was willingness evidenced to have the property used by a church group. The matter was set aside until such time as the Property Committee can visit and examine the property.

Q. M. worker salary

The Clerk noted that the question of the Quarterly Meeting worker's salary increase not having reached him had been taken up with the Quarterly Meeting treasurer. The Quarterly Meeting on February 2nd had authorized a letter to go to the Permanent Board of Yearly Meeting asking whether all or part of the funds from the sale of the Maple Grove property might be released to the Quarterly Meeting to be used mainly for outreach work.

The question of Committee structure was held over to be examined at a future meeting, as well as discussion of the Questionnaire from Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel.

Adult group

A brief report was given on the adult discussion group being held on Thursday nights. It was emphasized that this is not geared to any particular age group but is open to all.

Paul Cates reported on a recent meeting of Young Friends at South China on the problem of drug abuse. Their next meeting will be with the Sheriff at the County Jail March 3. Orono Meeting has approved a youth weekend to be held there April 27th-28th on the topic of Maine Indians.

Budget

The proposed budget for the coming year was presented by the Clerk with eight categories, listing actual amounts spent in 1973 and suggesting amounts for 1974. This was discussed in detail, and a copy as approved by the meeting is attached to these minutes. It was noted that for the past year we ended in the black. Increases were authorized in the following categories: Quarterly Meeting worker; utilities, Yearly meeting, and building maintenance. In discussing the item for building maintenance, concern was expressed that the cemetery fence be repaired. The Property committee was asked to bring an estimate on this to the Monthly Meeting. It was mentioned that the Meeting had previously approved the use of interest from designated cemetery funds for this purpose. Problems of the kitchen work area were discussed, including the need for shelf and table space, for running water, and a new stove. The Property committee was asked to look into this matter also. The question of donations to various causes needs further discussion and clarification, but an item was continued in the budget meanwhile. The budget approved for the coming year is $4265 as compared with $4150 last year.

The report of the Treasurer this month is as follows:

Cash	$ 74.15
Checking	162.19
Savings	283.70
Total	520.04

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned purposing to meet again at the usual time if the Lord permits.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

March 24, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the Meetinghouse on March 24th following a shared meal at 1:30 pm with Henry Warren, Clerk, presiding.

The minutes of the meeting of Feb. 17 were read and approved.

A copy of the budget as approved last month will be sent to each member.

Communications included notice of a weekend conference at Woolman Hill led by John Yungblut May 3-5, and an announcement of Friends Witness for Peace on Good Friday in Boston.

A letter from Ralph Cook asked for

Rep. to Q.M. Ministry & Counsel

appointment of a representative to the Quarterly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel, to take the place of Edna Cates whose term expires. The meeting approved the appointment of Sarah Yates to this Committee for a three year term.

Contrib. to YF mtg in Washington

The meeting approved a contribution of $50 toward expenses of a trip to Washington next weekend in which Debbie Rowe and a young person from St. Bridget's will participate with Paul Cates. Opportunity will be given for interested Friends to contribute individually toward this amount.

change in time of M.M.

A change in scheduling of monthly meeting is considered desirable. The meeting agreed to having the business meeting at 10:30 a.m. following meeting for worship the third Sunday of each month, followed by a pot luck meal. It is hoped that Winthrop Meeting may be willing to have their meeting for worship at 9:00 a.m. on this one Sunday each month, and the Clerk will discuss this with the clerk of Winthrop Meeting. This plan will be effective with the April meeting.

First Day School Committee

Sarah Yates explained the desire of the First Day School Committee to have everyone participate in some way in activities with the First Day School so as to become familiar with the materials and better able to help in planning future activities. There was some discussion as to the possibility and desirability of planning a Vacation Bible School, but this was left as an agenda item for the First Day School Committee to consider at their discretion.

The Clerk touched on possible needs in planning for kitchen renovation. Further ideas are welcome.

The meeting agreed to have a breakfast on Palm Sunday (the day of Roll Call meeting) to be planned and served by the men.

A concern was expressed by Marge Williams that some way be found to improve living conditions for her neighbor's large family. The meeting expressed interest and asked her to explore the matter further as to what is most needed and how we might help..

Treas Report

The Treasurer reported a total balance of $150.58, with cash on hand of $ 67.35; a checkbook balance of $52.34, and the savings account general fund of $ 30.89.

It was decided to postpone payment of our Yearly Meeting contribution until next month as expenses - especially oil - have been high.

After a moment of silence the meeting adjourned at 3 pm, there being no further business, and we purpose to meet next month if the Lord permits.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

April 21, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting house on April 21, 1974, following meeting for worship, Henry Warren, Clerk, presiding.

Minutes of the meeting of March 24 were approved as read.

It was reported by the Clerk that

the Palm Sunday breakfast had been successfully produced by the men.

With reference to the payment of our pledge to Yearly Meeting in light of the presently limited funds available, it was agreed to take $50 from the Sunday School account to be forwarded by the Treasurer along with whatever is on hand toward this pledge, rather than attempt to pay all at once the $300 which was due in March. The Treasurer, Maxine Robbins, reported $365 in the checking account, the savings account the same as last month ($30.89), and nothing in the general account, with outstanding bills to require most of this.

Treas. Report

Correspondence received included a request for funds for "Minute 60", the Campaign against prejudice and poverty. This will be held with other requests to be dealt with when funds may be on hand. A letter of appreciation for Vassalboro Monthly Meeting's oversight of the wedding of Emily Zerahdnik and Stephen Cates was read.

Friends are reminded to register for the seminar on Death & Bereavement to be held May 3-4 at Winthrop, sponsored by the Quarterly Meeting and the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Spiritual Life Committee.

Appointment of five members to serve as representatives to Yearly Meeting, and one member each to the Yearly Meeting Committees on Finance, Nominating, and Ministry & Council was put off until the next meeting.

Quarterly Worker Program

Henry Warren requested that the Quarterly Meeting Committee on Ministry & Counsel will review the Quarterly Meeting worker program as part of its agenda each May, discussing the financing and scope of the program.

Friends approved having an evening of music with Saundra Cates and others, but left the date to be arranged.

Schedule

Possible changes in scheduling of monthly meeting, First Day School, and the discussion group were brought up. It was decided to continue as at present but plan to reschedule in the fall.

Kitchen renovation

Herbert Cates described tentative plans for improving the kitchen and asked for suggestions. He estimates about $1000 to $1500. Friends approved the use of interest available in a special savings account from previous sale of property up to $1500 for this purpose.

Paul's vacation

The Quarterly Meeting has left it to each Monthly Meeting to decide what arrangement it wishes to make during Paul's absence for four Sundays beginning June 2. Friends agreed to have no formal arrangement but to feel free to invite visiting Friends if anyone wishes.

Indian Collection

The Thanksgiving collection taken for the Indians ($3.50) will be added to the treasury and put to use when some appropriate need arises.

Bench arrangement

The question of placing of benches was discussed as some Friends have not felt comfortable with the informal arrangement recently. It was agreed to return the benches to their former arrangement. It is hoped that Friends will be willing to sit near the front rather than cluster along the back benches.

A concern was brought in as to whether the monthly meeting Committee Ministry & Counsel on Ministry and Counsel should be revitalized. This will be considered further.

The question of volunteers to continue First Day School the First Day School was brought up, and concern was expressed that the program might have to be given up entirely if there is not enough cooperation from the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m., purposing to meet at the same time next month if the Lord permits.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

May 19, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting met at 10:30 a.m. on May 19, 1974, at the Meeting House following meeting for worship with Henry Warren, Clerk, presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting in April were read and approved.

The Clerk read a letter from Allen's Neck Transfer for Ernest & Esther Weed Monthly Meeting requesting transfer of the membership of Ernest and Esther Weed to Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. The meeting expressed enthusiastic approval.

The problem of arranging for a work day to clean up the Meeting House and cemetery was discussed but not solved.

The following were appointed as repre- Y. M. appts. sentatives to attend Yearly Meeting July 27 - August 3: Ernest Weed, Esther Weed, Debbie Rowe, Margaret Cates, Nancy Cates. To serve on Yearly Meeting Finance Committee: Gerald Robbins

(cont.)

Y.M. Committees To serve on Yearly Meeting ministry and counsel: Joyce Rowe
To serve on Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee: Margaret Cates

The possibility of a fund-raising supper to be held in mid-July was
Fund-raising discussed, with concern expressed over rising costs of food. It was decided to wait until next month to decide, and in the meantime look for alternative fund-raising ideas.

First Day School will be discontinued
First Day School for the summer at the end of May, with plans for fall to be discussed. The nursery will continue through summer, hopefully on a rotating basis. Sarah Yates asked approval of a plan she would like to try, taking the older young people outside for an exploration of the use of silence in their own group. This met with approval. George Keller offered to find out what sort of First Day School arrangements have been used successfully by other meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned about 11:30, with the expectation of meeting again next month if the Lord permits.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

June 16, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting for business was held following the regular meeting for worship on June 16, 1974, with Henry Warren, Clerk, presiding. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as read.

George Keller presented information he had obtained as to ways in which several Friends Meetings have

First Day School

worked out First Day School arrangements. A good deal of discussion took place with reference not only to the difficulty of finding teachers but also the possibility of holding First Day School after meeting for worship. The Religious Education Committee will meet during the summer to make plans for fall.

Treas Report

Correspondence was read concerning the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund. A contribution of $25 from the meeting was approved. The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$81.16
General fund	30.89
Checking account	40.38
Total	$152.43

It was reported that a total of $500 has now been sent toward the pledge of $700 to Yearly Meeting. The Annabel Cates Memorial Fund stands at $508.27.

Cemetery

Ben Cates mentioned the question of whether to remove the lower rail of the cemetery fence to facilitate mowing of the cemetery by the town. The Property Committee will discuss this.

The time of meeting for worship was discussed and it was decided to make no change during the summer. It is hoped that a time can be worked out for the meeting for business to be held when Paul Cates can be present.

Irma Simon invited Friends to bring a picnic lunch and hold the next Monthly Meeting at her cottage on July 14.

Fund-raising

The question of fund-raising functions was discussed. Friends felt that an open market was on the whole more profitable and less work than a public supper. A musical evening was also suggested. Friends will be asked to increase their giving during the summer to make up the amount normally raised by a supper.

It was suggested that Friends come next week in work clothes and armed with hoes to combat weeds in the glads during Paul's absence after meeting.

There being no further business the meeting concluded, to meet again next month if the Lord permits.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

July 14, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting met at the summer home of Esther Jones and Irma Simon following a picnic lunch on July 14. Clerk Henry [illegible] presided. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved with minor changes.

Membership Transfer = Carlton Cates

The Clerk noted that Carlton Cates has requested that his membership be transferred to Clintondale, (New York) Monthly Meeting so that he can be recorded as a minister there. The rest of his family will continue membership in Vassalboro Meeting. The meeting approved this request and instructed the Clerk to send the appropriate letter to Clintondale Meeting.

Cemetery Fence

Ben Cates reported on behalf of the Property Committee that they have no objection to having the lower rail of the cemetery fence removed so the town can mow there. The meeting approved of authorizing this.

Edna Cates reported on a meeting of a committee to discuss fund-raising possibilities. An appropriate donation box has been prepared by Sarah Yates

Fund Raising Plans

to receive extra contributions. Friends are asked particularly to contribute "non-dinner" donations in lieu of what they would normally have contributed toward a public supper. It was decided to hold an open market on August 17th, and Malcolm Robbins will check on the availability of the Grange Hall. The newsletter will include a request to non-members to contribute to the open market. The Committee will include Margaret Cates - chairman; Paul Cates - flowers; Stephen Robbins - vegetables; Nancy Cates - refreshments; William Haslam and Elisabeth Cates - food.

Other fund-raising suggestions included: (a) musical program (b) evening of slides (c) a games evening (d) a Christmas sale of decorations etc. (e) ask each to contribute per inch of waistline. The suggestion was made that each person volunteer to arrange a fund raising activity in a specific month. This met with approval. Sarah Yates volunteered for November and Elisabeth Cates for December.

Treas. Report

Maxine Robbins reported for the Treasurer as follows:

Cash on hand	$101.79
Saving account	30.89
Checking account	8.42
Total	$141.10

In response to a question she reported that last summer's open market netted $348.40 and the public supper $251.59.

Needed repairs

There was general discussion of financial needs, including a problem with the meeting house roof. The meeting authorized the Property Committee to have necessary work done on the roof. It was noted that special funds are available for maintenance of this sort. No decision has been made as to the disposition of the Annabel Cates Memorial Fund.

Paul Cates described a project of Mid-Coast Meeting which is attempting to raise a rotating bail fund to be made available to persons without resources for bail who would otherwise be held in jail until trial.

The meeting decided that the usual "church vacation" should include only the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

Paul Cates announced an unprogrammed meeting to be held at Winthrop every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. beginning July 21.

Memorial Minute for Annabel Cates

Malvina Robbins and Lillian Haslam were asked to prepare a memorial minute for Annabel Cates to be included in the minutes of the Monthly Meeting. They have provided the following -

"It is with great sadness and a deep sense of loss that we record the death of our beloved member, Annabel I. Cates. After several weeks of illness and severe pain she passed away on Thursday, May 23, 1974. Her many years of wise counsel and loving labor in the meeting will be sorely missed."

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned purposing to meet again the following month if the Lord permit.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

August 13, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held at the home of Ben and Edna Cates in East Vassalboro Tuesday, August 13th at 7 p.m. The Clerk, Henry Warren, presided. Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved with minor changes.

Henry Warren reported that the attempt to hold an unprogrammed meeting at Winthrop has not so far met with much success as to attendance. It was agreed that this should be postponed until fall.

The Clerk brought to our attention the Friends Community Profiles developed by the Yearly Meeting showing distribution by age in both the local and the Yearly Meeting. He noted a communication from the Peace Conversion Collective urging opposition to the B-1 bomber and mentioned the importance of well thought out, handwritten letters to Congress on matters of concern.

First Day School

The First Day School committee has met and is working on plans for fall. There will be only a nursery group during meeting for worship. The First Day School classes will be held following meeting, and it is hoped that teachers can rotate every three months. There was discussion of having an adult group meet at the same time.

Quarterly Mtg Finance Discussion

The Clerk reported on the Quarterly Meeting budget discussion. Each monthly meeting is asked to discuss: (a) whether they wish to continue support of a Quarterly Meeting worker and what direction they would like the program to take; (b) to give an estimate of how much support the meeting can provide toward this. He noted that Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel had recommended to the Quarterly Meeting that the program be continued, and asked Friends to give these matters careful thought before the next meeting. George Keller spoke about the recent meeting of the Quarterly Meeting Finance Committee and the urgent need for Friends to face up to realities in the face of rising costs. He stressed the importance of each family's making a regular commitment to the Monthly Meeting. It was mentioned that funds from sale of Quarterly Meeting property are to be held for special outreach projects and not used for operating expenses.

Margaret Cates spoke of plans for the Open Market to be held August 17th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again next month if the Lord permit.

A surprise birthday cake was then presented to Paul Cates and a social period followed.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

September 16, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting convened on September 16, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mae Cates with twelve persons present. Henry Warren, Clerk, presided. Minutes of the August meeting were approved as read.

Correspondence noted by the Clerk included a note of thanks for flowers at the funeral of Fred Pope and a communication from

Friends Community Project on Housing for elderly Friends. The Mosher Book + Tract Committee of Yearly Meeting will make funds available for purchase of books and materials if requested by monthly meetings. Nebraska Yearly Meeting asks support for its "Friend in Washington" program for native Americans. Pacific Yearly Meeting sent a minute of concern on the situation in Korea. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is interested in the Friends General Conference concern about roles of men and women and suggests a query dealing with discrimination on the basis of sex.

Quarterly Meeting Oct 12

Quarterly Meeting was announced for October 12 in North Fairfield. The following were appointed representatives: Mae Cates, George and Mildred Keller, and Lillian Haslam.

Goals Committee

Henry Warren asked the Meeting to consider the role and financing of the Quarterly Meeting worker program as discussed by Ministry and Counsel at the Quarterly Meeting picnic at Orland in August. Winthrop Monthly Meeting has informed the Quarterly Meeting that they will continue to support the program this coming year but will then take on a full-time pastor made possible by a recent bequest. Ministry + Counsel has asked each Monthly Meeting to appoint two members to a special committee to be called the Goals Committee. This committee will present a questionnaire to each Monthly Meeting and coordinate the results for guidance in arriving at such a decision. Eleanor Wilson and George Keller were approved by

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting to serve on this Committee.

Prison Reform

Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel also has a concern on prison reform. A retreat on this subject is being planned to be held in the Chapin Barn on November 1-2.

Sale of Maple Grove Property

Henry Warren will write to Yearly Meeting regarding the grant of $500 from the sale of the Maple Grove property to be used in furthering outreach work by Paul and Elisabeth Cates and for expenses of the Goals Committee such as travel and telephone.

"Non-supper" and open markets

The Finance Committee reported that the "non-supper" donations had amounted to over $100 and the two open markets had brought in $400. The Treasure being absent, no official report was on hand.

First Day School

Sarah Yates reported that the First Day School Committee plans for three quarters of three months each, to begin October 1st with three classes. There will be nursery care during meeting for worship, with First Day School following. Members of the meeting will be asked to act as resource people. The possibility of an informal adult discussion group during the Sunday School hour was discussed.

China Camp

Ben Cates reported on China Camp and brought forward the suggestion that each monthly meeting sponsor a child for a camp period next summer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned, to meet next month if the Lord permits.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

October 27, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was convened by Henry Warren, Clerk, on Sunday, October 27, 1974, at the home of Anne and Frank Edmondson following a potluck meal.

The minutes were approved as read, with the notation that some changes had occurred in events since the September meeting. The prison weekend had been laid aside in light of a state-wide meeting set up on the same subject for the same weekend. Also, Winthrop Monthly Meeting has made it known that, although the matter of a full-time minister is under consideration, no definite decision has been made as to whether they will take such action.

Transfer of Carleton Cates

The Clerk noted that an acknowledgment has been received from Clintondale Meeting of the transfer of membership of Carleton Cates.

Will of Fred Pope

Paul Cates announced he has been informed that Vassalboro Meeting is to receive a bequest under the will of Fred Pope who died this past summer. No details are yet available.

Music

Friends who can play the piano or organ are asked to sign up for specific Sundays so that music for hymns will be assured.

Adult Class

Consideration was given to plans for an adult class during the regular First Day School hour following meeting for worship. It was suggested that two groups might be formed, one for Bible study, the other to consider Quaker testimonies and writings. Friends felt that there was a question as to the wisdom of having two separate groups and agreed to try using a quarterly series of lessons based on the Bible, with discussion of application of principles in daily living. Lillian Haslam agreed to order ten copies of the Penn Quarterly (teacher's edition) for this purpose.

Additional Room from Porch

In connection with discussion of First Day School, a suggestion was made that the porch be closed in to make an additional room. This will be referred to the Building Committee.

Clean-up Day

It was decided to set December 7 as a clean-up day to pitch in and get necessary maintenance done on the meeting house.

The need for a rug and a wall lamp in the small Sunday School room was pointed out.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given by Gerald Robbins as follows:

Checking account	$109.78
Savings account	511.93
Cash on hand	110.42
total	$732.13

"Minute 60"

Eleanor Wilson reminded Friends of their commitment to the Yearly Meeting's "Minute 60" to help those in need. A contribution of $25 from the Monthly Meeting was approved. A discussion of the financial situation followed.

Yearly Meeting Quota

The Finance Committee was asked to find out from the Treasurer what the actual quota of Yearly Meeting amounted to per member and to send a letter to the membership asking Friends to bear this in mind in making their contribution to the Monthly Meeting.

There was discussion concerning some elements of divisiveness which have arisen concerning dual relationships of members of the Meeting with other religious denominations.

The Meeting adjourned, there being no further business, and with purpose to meet again next month if the Lord permit.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Secretary

November 24, 1974

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was convened by Henry Warren, Clerk, on First Day, November 24, 1974, following a potluck meal at the Meetinghouse. After a short period of silence the minutes were read and approved.

Additional Sunday School room

The suggestion of closing in the porch to make an extra Sunday School room was discussed briefly. The possibility of providing heat in the entry and making use of part of that space was suggested as a less expensive solution. Action will have to wait until the kitchen improvements are completed.

Friends were reminded of the work day to be held December 7 at the meeting house.

The Clerk presented several items of correspondence, including information from the Yearly Meeting Education Committee on the coming visit of Caroline Pineo to the New England area, and a notice concerning a week of prayer for Christian unity in January.

A lengthy discussion of the

Yearly Meeting Pledge

meeting's financial situation ensued, with special concern about the difficulty in meeting our contribution as budgeted for Yearly Meeting. Gerald Robbins, Treasurer, noted that the actual amount constituting a "fair share" of the Yearly Meeting budget would amount to $15.35 per member, or a total for Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of $1074.50. The amount allotted in our budget was $700, of which only $200 has been paid to date.

The Treasurer's Report for the current month follows:

Cash on hand	$71.86
Checkbook balance	11.59
Saving bank	511.93
Total	$595.38

The house saving account amount was noted as $1201.98. It was mentioned that roll call letters previously had included a suggestion as to individual contributions to Yearly Meeting. A suggestion was put forth that money in various accounts should be used and not allowed to accumulate, but no action was taken on this. Friends approved of authorizing the Treasurer to send $300 more to the Yearly Meeting in December with the hope that the remaining $200 will be contributed by individual members before the end of January to complete our $700 total to Yearly Meeting as budgeted.

The Finance Committee will then be asked to work out a method for meeting our Yearly Meeting financial responsibility in the future without resorting to last-minute measures or deficit financing. The overall finance picture will be studied in connection with the budget to be considered for the coming fiscal year which begins in January.

Property + Finance Committee

The Meeting approved adding Maxine Robbins and Eleanor Wilson to the Monthly Meeting Property and Finance Committee. Members previously appointed in December 1972 were: Herbert Cates, Henry Warren, Ralph Kent, George Keller, plus Clerk and Treasurer. Benjamin Cates was appointed in January 1974.

The question was raised as to the need for a Committee on Ministry and Counsel. The Clerk suggested a combined committee to take care of Ministry and Counsel and Religious Education. Barbara Warren reported that the Religious Education Committee is facing difficulties in finding teachers.

The Meeting was informed that Ed and Dorothy Hinshaw will be available to give marriage enrichment courses if enough couples are interested.

Eleanor Wilson expressed concern that the very old Quaker books in the bookcase be protected in some way. After some discussion the Meeting approved of her writing to the Archives Committee of Yearly Meeting to see what arrangements might be possible.

There being no further business the Meeting adjourned following a moment of silence, to meet again next month if the Lord permit.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

There was no Monthly Meeting held in December 1974.

January 5, 1975

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened by Clerk Henry Warren following meeting for worship on Sunday, January 5, 1975. No monthly meeting was held in December. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read.

Treas Report

The Treasurer, Gerald Robbins, reported that $375 had been sent to Yearly Meeting toward our pledge ($300 from the general fund and $75 in extra donations). Not having exact figures on hand he estimated cash on hand to be about $83 with all bills paid, and around $100 in the checking account. He estimated that interest on the $5000 saving certificate can be used and would amount to $1000 or $1100. The fire insurance coverage has been increased recently. It was suggested that the budget committee plan to meet in January.

Committee on Ministry + Counsel + Religious Education

The Clerk presented the following nominations for the joint Committee on Ministry and Counsel and Religious Education: Robert Wilson, Joyce Rowe, Edna Cates, Barbara Warren, George Cates, with Joyce to convene the first meeting.

Quarterly Meeting

He also noted that Quarterly Meeting will be held at Vassalboro the first Saturday in February (Feb 1). Since the kitchen remodeling will very likely not be finished by that time, it was agreed that everyone should be asked to bring a bag lunch, with the meeting to supply beverages. The Newsletter will carry an announcement to this effect. Delegates to Quarterly Meeting were appointed as follows: Henry Warren, George Keller, Joyce Rowe, Daphne Robbins

There was some discussion of the Bragg family's immediate and long range needs. Marge Williams and George Keller will explore various aspects of this situation and report to the Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned following a brief period of silence, agreeing to have the next meeting on the third Sunday in February.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

February 23, 1975

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened by the Clerk, Henry Warren, following a potluck meal at the Meetinghouse on February 23, 1975. The minutes of the January Meeting were approved with one correction. Items of correspondence noted by the Clerk included Friends Witness for Peace on Good Friday, March 28, in Boston. A letter was read from Westerly, R.I. Monthly Meeting sharing their concern on world food shortages.

China Camp Request to use Meetinghouse

A letter was read from Andy Grannell of Friends China Camp Committee asking for the use of the Meetinghouse the week of June 28 - July 5 for a staff training session as the camp itself will be in use for a family camp session at that time. The Meeting gave approval and the Clerk is authorized to write to Andy Grannell accordingly.

The need for a refrigerator was brought up. Paul Cates will explore with Winthrop Meeting the possibility of acquiring one which they are no longer using.

The concern on world hunger was discussed at length. It was pointed out that those in the Meeting who grew their own food are taking a step in

the right direction. Friends approved the
World Hunger suggestion offered by Quarterly Meeting of eliminating one meal a week and sending the money saved to alleviate hunger. Friends discussed possible ways of channeling the money thus saved to those who need food, mentioning CARE, ASFC, OXFAM among others. Ministry & Counsel are asked to devote some time to this concern and report within three months.

The budget for the coming year as
Budget worked out by the Finance Committee was presented and discussed. After clarifying certain questions as to contributions and insurance, the budget was approved.

Barbara Warren reported on the January meeting of Ministry & Counsel.
Sunday School The matter of religious education has not been satisfactorily worked out so far. The suggestion is made that parents be encouraged to work it out among themselves with the Committee acting as resource persons. Paul Ester emphasized the need to get something under way as soon as possible so that the children will not be let down.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Treasurer Report

Check book balance	$ 2.24
Cash on hand	239.10
Savings bank	520.24
Total	$ 761.58

All bills have been paid to date.

Eleanor Wilson reported on the
Old Quaker Books matter of the old Quaker books which are suffering from being kept under conditions of dampness and extremes of temperature in the Meetinghouse. She suggested two possible dispositions:
① the Maine Historical Society in

Portland (this requires a fee of $1 for each use of the library); (b) Bangor Theological Seminary Library. The Meeting approved of Eleanor Wilson's getting in touch with the Historical Society, first checking with Haverford to see if any of the volumes would be useful for their active Quaker collection.

Resignation of Clerk H. Warren

Henry Warren expressed the desire to be relieved of the duties of Clerk. Ministry + Counsel is asked to look into the matter of finding a successor.

The Meeting approved the use of the meeting house on April 26 by an AFSC group to work on a Peace Quilt project.

There will be a wedding reception at the meetinghouse for Mae Cates and Donald Smith on March 12th. The committee in charge will be Joyce Rowe, Celia Kent, Elisabeth Cates, and Malvina Robbins.

Report on Kitchen Remodeling

The Clerk reported that the kitchen remodeling has been completed except for hooking up the water which will be done when the new water heater arrives, plus certain electrical wiring. The rug is a gift from Frank and Anne Edmondson and their children.

Margaret Cates mentioned that money would be available from the Annabel Cates Memorial Fund toward the kitchen if needed. Upon Herbert Cates' arrival he noted that the bill he will present will be $500 instead of $1500 as previously approved. He also offered to match any contribution toward the Yearly Meeting between now and March. The meeting expressed appreciation for this generosity.

Ministry & Counsel addition

The Meeting approved the addition of Malvina Robbins to the Ministry and

Counsel Committee.

The meeting adjourned about 3:31 pm, purposing to meet next month if the Lord permit.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk

March 23, 1975

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held Sunday, March 23, 1975 following a Palm Sunday breakfast and meeting for worship, Clerk Henry Warren presiding. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Paul Cates ~~approved~~ called attention to booklets by Douglas Steere and Rufus Jones which he has ordered for the Meeting. Friends approved placing these where interested persons might see them as well as giving them to new members. He also noted that the date for the visit of the Yearly Meeting Religious Education Committee will be April 13th at the Ymca.

Spiritual Life Report — Paul Cates mentioned that a report on the spiritual life of the Meeting should be ready by the end of the week. A committee to prepare this report was appointed, consisting of Ralph Kent, Edna Cates, Maxine Robbins, Henry Warren.

Roll Call Meeting — The matter of the Roll Call Meeting usually held in March was brought up. Friends approved having a letter sent to non-resident Friends along with the spiritual condition report, and any resulting replies will be read at the April meeting.

Schedule for Easter — Friends approved changing the time of meeting for worship to 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 30, only, with special care to see that everyone is notified of the change.

The Treasurer's report was presented

Treasurer's Report

as follows:

Savings account	$214.02
Checking account	117.45
Cash on hand	64.00
total	$395.47

The Kennebec Federal Savings Acct certificate is $924.17. All bills have been paid to date. He noted that $25,000 in liability insurance has been added. He has been informed that the bequest from Fred Pope will probably amount to between $4,000 and $6,000 and is unrestricted.

Building matters

The urgent need for a new heating plant was brought up, along with insulation and the perennial matter of the cemetery fence. The Building Committee will look into these matters.

Edna Cates reported for the Ministry and Counsel Committee that Frank Edmondson has agreed to serve as Clerk for a year, succeeding Henry Warren, and Mildred Keller will continue as Recording Clerk. The Meeting expressed appreciation to Henry Warren for his excellent service as Clerk over the past years.

AFSC Relationship

George Keller expressed concern about the relationship of the Meeting to the AFSC in connection with the disposition of money saved by the Meeting to help with world hunger. He urged that we work through the AFSC and, if we have questions or doubts that we get in touch directly with AFSC people.

World Hunger

Irma Simon expressed strong concern as to what can be done quickly to alleviate conditions in Cambodia particularly where food supplies are being cut off. George Keller will pursue this with Winifred McPhedran of AFSC who lives in Maine.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again next month if the Lord permit.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

April 27, 1975

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held on Sunday, April 27, 1975 at the home of Celia and Ralph Kent at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Frank Edmondson presided.

Minutes were accepted as read. The

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was presented as follows:

Cash on hand	$61.00
Checking account	24.18
General Fund Savings acct.	214.02
Total	$ 299.20
Kennebec Federal Savings Acct.	$ 974.17
Kennebec Federal Savings Certificate	$ 5,633.54

All bills have been paid except one for $500 just received from Herbert Cates for the kitchen remodeling. Friends approved authorizing the Treasurer, Gerald Robbins, to take money from the account at Kennebec Federal Saving to pay this bill. Friends also authorized his sending an additional $250 to complete our Yearly Meeting contribution for the current year, to be taken from the special Kennebec Federal Savings account (the "house fund.").

A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Herbert Cates for his contribution to the kitchen remodeling, and a letter to the Edmondson family who contributed the carpeting in the dining room and Sunday School room.

Roll call letter

Since it had not proved feasible to send out the roll call letter along with the spiritual life report of the meeting, a committee of Paul Cates, Celia Kent, and Frank Edmondson is appointed to produce a roll call letter.

Addition to Property Com. Friends approved of adding Margaret Cates to the Property and Finance Committee.

Old Books The question of disposal of old and perhaps rare books in the Meeting library was again brought up. Stephen Robbins has made a bibliography of these books and sent it to Eleanor Wilson, who was authorized by the Meeting to pursue the matter with Haverford College, Bangor Seminary, and the Maine Historical Society.

Ben Cates reported that the Town of Vassalboro is setting up a cemetery association and would like to have a representative from the Meeting. Herbert Cates was suggested. A discussion of the cemetery situation followed.

ASFC relations George Keller reported that he had talked with Winnie McPheeters about the AFSC role in relief of world hunger. It was suggested that she be asked to come to a monthly meeting and talk with us, preferably in the fall. Meanwhile the contribution box at the meeting house will be designated next month for relief of hunger and contents donated to the AFSC.

Q.M. representatives Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting in Winthrop on May 3 are: Paul Cates, Henry Warren, George Keller, George Cates.

Y.M. Educ. Committee Anne Edmondson reported on the meeting held recently with members of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Education to discuss with Maine Friends the future of Lincoln and Moses Brown Schools.

A committee was appointed to plan the supper to be held on May 10th when Russell Johnson will speak following an all-day quilting session. The committee will consist of Elisabeth Cates, Anne Edmondson, Joyce Rowe, Maxine Robbins, Mildred Keller.

Prison Concerns Committee

Paul Cates suggested a committee be set up from the Monthly Meeting to sponsor the jail visitation program, to be called the Prison Concerns Committee, consisting of Paul Cates, Mike Yates, Stephen Robbins, Marge Williams, and any others who are interested.

fund raising project

The matter of summer fund raising projects was discussed. Elisabeth Cates will find out about possible dates for use of the Grange hall for an open market or supper. It was suggested that music or country dancing with the Pine Hill Country Music Band be considered in connection with such an affair.

The next monthly meeting will be held on May 18th at the home of Frank and Anne Edmondson in Smithfield, with a potluck dinner at noon. There being no further business the meeting adjourned, to meet again the following month if the Lord permit.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

May 18, 1975

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held on Sunday, May 18, 1975 at the home of Anne and Frank Edmondson at 2:30 p.m. Clerk: Frank Edmondson presiding.

Minutes were accepted as read. The Treasurer's report was not available.

The Roll Call letter has not been sent out as yet.

Goal Committee Report

A discussion of the Goals Committee Report, as given at Quarterly Meeting, was not conclusive as we do not know what

Winthrop is planning. The present intent is to remain as before until December 31, 1975.

Two dates are open at the Grange Hall and Elisabeth Cates asked for both, a supper on July 19th, and August 16th for the Open Market. This was approved.

Fund Raising

Volunteers for the Fund Raising Committee are, Margaret Cates, Nancy Cates, Paul Cates and Elisabeth Cates. We will attach a paper to the Meeting House door so others may sign up for either the supper or open market or both.

Ben Cates says plans are not yet completed for the Cemetery loan. and he should have more information next meeting.

Delegates to Y.M.

Delegates to Yearly Meeting: Eleanor Wilson, Robert Wilson, Margaret Cates, Ernest Weed, Paul Cates and one young person.

A letter from Edwin B. Bronner, Curator, Haverford College Library Quaker Collection,

Old Books

states that he would be interested in receiving the following books: Bielby, Lord Bishop of London. Summary of the principle evidences for the truth... (because it was reprinted by a Quaker printer).

Penington, Isaac. Volume, title unknown. He will fill in the missing pages with Xerox copies and make it available to some library.

It was approved that these books be sent to Edwin Bronner and the rest, except for one on Indians, which are of no monetary value be kept as before in the Meeting House.

A letter was read from Elmer Brown

Proposed conference at China Camp

with regard to the tri-annual session in 1976. He suggests a conference, with Friends from other lands on their way to the sessions, be held the weekend before, at Oak Grove School and Friends China Camp. Ben Cates will write to Elmer Brown approving his suggestion and offering our assistance.

We missed Mildred Keller today and hope she will have a rapid recovery.

Refrigerator We need to have a refrigerator in the Meeting House kitchen by the 30th of June. Two are available and others might be, so we will leave the choice up to the discretion of the Property Committee.

Plaque = Herbert Goddard Herbert Goddard is the most famous Quaker from East Vassalboro Meeting and Alice Whiting thinks we should have a plaque in the Meeting House in his memory. This idea was set aside for more thought.

The Meeting House lawn needs to be mowed weekly. Ralph Kent will be in charge of getting it done and at each monthly Meeting will request sponsors to pay for each week.

Closed with silent worship.

Next Monthly Meeting will be held at Celia and Ralph Kent's June 9th at 7:30 p.m., Deo volente.

Eleanor L. Wilson
Clerk pro tem

June 16, 1975

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened on Monday evening, June 16th at 8 o'clock at the home of Susan and Philip Haines by Frank Edmondson, Clerk. 13 persons were present. The minutes were approved as read. There was no treasurer's report as the treasurer was unable to be present.

Indian book Friends approved the suggestion that a book on Indians in the Meeting library be loaned to Unity College for an Indian collection they are compiling.

Fund raising The problem of fund raising during the summer was discussed. The Grange has been reserved for July 19 and August 16. It was decided to hold a food sale on July 19 instead of a supper, featuring baked goods, salads, coffee and refreshments to take out. The following persons were added to the committee to plan this affair: Maxine Robbins, Lillian Haslam, Dorothy Yates, with George Keller and Frank Edmondson to work on publicity. Previously appointed were Margaret Cates, Nancy Cates, Paul and Elizabeth Cates.

The lawn mowing is under control with Ralph Kent reporting sufficient money already contributed to take care of it for the present.

Ben Cates reported on the cemetery association. No change is expected in the near future.

It was decided to let the roll call letter wait until early next year since the time has gone by for one this year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned, to meet next month if the Lord permit.

A social period followed.

Mildred A. Keller
Clerk (Recording)

July 13, 1975

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in South China at the cottage of Esther Jones by invitation of Irma Jones Simon. A potluck picnic lunch was enjoyed by all before the meeting and swimming afterwards by some of the children.

The meeting began at 2:45 p.m. with a moment of silence. In the absence of Millie Keller, the secretary's report was read by Ann Edmondson and approved. Maxine Robbins read the treasurer's report, also approved, as follows:

Checking acct.	$242.81
Savings bank	214.12
Cash on hand	78.57
Total	$535.33
Kennebec Fed. Savings Acct.	191.14
" " " " certificate	5633.54
	$5824.68

Sent to Amer. Friends Service Comm. — food for hungry overseas from Quaker Box collection $15.35

Food sale + Country market

The upcoming July 19 Food sale was discussed, and members thought it advisable that the publicity committee advertise via newspapers, posters, radio and television. The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Vassalboro Grange Hall and will also feature a country cafe with various sweet rolls, muffins, coffee and punch to eat at tables on the premises. A country market will be held on August 16th to include fancy articles, garden vegetables and flea market items in addition to food sale, sandwiches and drinks.

Friends were reminded that a refrigerator is still needed in the church kitchen and that an old one in running condition is available at the Winthrop church if we would like to have it. It is necessary to have some strong people and a truck or other suitable vehicle to pick it up.

Ben Cates mentioned that there is a need for cooking utensils at the church in case any group should want to stay there for an overnight period, etc. If members have extra that they are not using, they are encouraged to donate.

Paul Cates was concerned that once again our Committees are not functioning as actively as they should, in particular that of Ministry and Counsel. Members present agreed that it would be advisable to re-appoint all committees, review them as to function, and set up any new ones needed, to be done annually in September.

Review of Committees

A brief report on New England Yearly Meeting was given by Paul Cates. He was most enthusiastic and wanted everyone possible to go next year. It will be held at Wheaton College again. He studied Sunday School materials in view of our needs, and was most impressed by those put out by Winston Company. He felt that those from FUM-FGC would be good as supplemental materials. He has invited Albert Bigelow to visit our meeting and talk about his experiences, such as travels on the Phoenix, hopefully during one of the fall months.

Report on Y.M.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silent worship.

Ann Edmondson ([illegible])
Clerk pro tem

August 24, 1975

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met following meeting for worship and coffee hour on First Day, August 24, 1975 at 11 a.m.

The Minutes were not available. The treasurer's report was given by Maxine Robbins and accepted, as follows:

Checking account	$ 9.25
Savings bank	894.63
Cash on hand	121.75
	$ 1,025.63

1975

Food sale July 19	$ 174.16
Open Market Aug. 16	312.80
	$ 486.96

1974

Open Market $367.50
Sale Aug. 31 91.10
458.60

There was a short discussion about the income from our two sales this summer and comparison with last year's figures.

Membership request (Annette M. Horak)

A letter of request for membership from Annette Marie Horak was read. This letter was turned over to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel and will be reported back to the Monthly Meeting.

Marriage request (Yates-Horak)

A second letter asked for approval of Friends of the Vassalboro Monthly Meeting for the marriage of Roger M. Yates and Annette M. Horak. Ben Cates and Gerald Robbins were appointed to meet with Roger Yates, Lillian Haslam and Ann Edmondson to meet with Annette Horak to insure that both parties meet qualifications of clearness as set down by the New England Yearly Meeting.

Cemetery plots

A question of how to acquire a cemetery plot was raised by Margaret Cates. There are several other members concerned with this question also, and it was set up that the Property Committee should meet at 8 p.m. Monday, August 25, at the home of Margaret Cates to discuss this and several other matters needing their attention, such as the refrigerator for the church kitchen.

Ralph Kent inquired about cemetery trust funds and was referred to the treasurer's records. He said that the Towle plot needs attention.

Lawn

Ralph also reported that there were adequate funds to care for the lawns for the rest of the season. Special recognition and thanks are given to Ralph for looking after this matter this year, since the lawn has never been kept in better condition, due to his care in hiring good help to mow for us.

Members were pleased to hear about Tess Williams' trip to the Ivory Coast in Africa. Numerous questions were asked about her impressions of life there, which she shared with us in a very interesting talk.

Meeting closed with a moment of silent worship.

Ann Edmondson ([illegible])
Clerk pro tem

September 25, 1975

The East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting met at the home of Michael Yates with Annette Horak, hostess, on the evening of September 25th. Clerk Frank Edmondson presided and 15 persons were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Ann Edmondson, and the treasurer's report was given by Madine Robbins, both being approved.

The Property Committee members present reported that the Town Manager should be contacted when cemetery lots needed filling, smoothing and seeding, and that the town would take care of it. It was recommended by the Monthly Meeting that the Property Committee make definite plans and get a cost estimate on fixing up the cemetery, to include adding the new section and putting up posts and chain fencing on the sides and back. Cemetery

The Committee on Clearness for Roger Michael Yates' and Annette M. Horak's forthcoming marriage, with the counsel of Paul Cates, felt that both parties had made proper commitment to each other Yates-Horak marriage plans spiritually and mentally and approved the marriage plans. The couple will appoint a Committee of Oversight for the wedding.

Membership For Annette Horah

Ministry and Counsel Committee reported that they had found Annette Horah to be ready for membership. Her membership was approved by members present and she was welcomed by all.

It was reported that the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel was to meet in Boston this coming weekend. It was suggested that Ernest Weed be the alternate to Randall Cates who will represent us.

Some members were concerned that the meeting benches should be rearranged to help create a closer feeling of fellowship. Phil Haines said that he would attend to this matter. It was thought that on occasion we might meet in the dining room using the fireplace to add warmth to our worship. Paul Cates reported that since he has now been released from his Sunday obligations at Winthrop that we will be free to reassess our Sunday hour for worship and change the present set-up if we wish, perhaps changing the time or scheduling a full hour for silent worship, having Sunday School during part of it. One member thought that having pads for the benches would be a welcome addition to an hour of silent worship, which members agreed upon.

Nominating Committee

A nominating Committee of Frank Edmondson, Clerk, Lillian Haslam and Irma Simons was approved to nominate members to serve on our committees before next meeting-

Paul Cates announced the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Orono on October 4th, and Paul and Ernest and Esther

Weed were appointed as representatives.

Esther Weed recommended that the church get a copy of a new book by Daisy Newman, I Take Thee, Serenity.

We closed with a moment of silent worship, purposing to meet again in a month's time if the Lord permit.

Ann C. Edmondson
Recording Clerk pro tem.

October 26, 1975

Vassalboro monthly meeting took place on Sunday, October 26, 1975 with Clerk Frank Edmondson presiding, following meeting for worship and a coffee hour. After a short period of silence the minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. There was some discussion as to the need for cushions on the benches, but the matter was tabled for the time being.

The report of the Treasurer was given by Maxine Robbins. The problem of frequent delays in salary payments to the Quarterly Meeting worker was brought up and will be discussed at a meeting of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel on November 9.

Appts. to Q.M. Ministry + Counsel

The meeting appointed Eleanor Wilson to the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Committee for a three year term, replacing George Cates whose term had expired. Ben Cates was appointed to serve on the same Committee for two years to fill the unexpired term of Sarah Yates who has moved away from the area.

Wedding of R. Yates + A. Horak

Announcement was made by Mike Yates and Annette Horak that owing to special circumstances affecting her children, it had seemed best for them to be married recently in a simple ceremony performed by Paul Cates. Nevertheless they wish to go ahead with their wedding in the manner of Friends as planned for November 22, and the meeting voiced its approval. The Committee on Oversight for the wedding consists of Paul Cates, Maxine and Gerald Robbins, and Ann Edmondson.

Randall Cates reported on a recent meeting of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Council which he attended. They have been working on a new minute dealing with marriage and divorce which they would like to have monthly meetings study and discuss before January.

Paul Cates spoke of a concern voiced by Marge Williams to provide encouragement to young couples in the Back-to-the-Land movement, suggesting we might plan a weekend mini-conference with the Mennonite group from Hallowell, to be followed by a later weekend meeting in Pennsylvania with other peace churches. It was pointed out that members of other meetings in the Quarter are also involved in this way of life and this might appropriately be a Quarterly Meeting project.

change
in meeting
time to
9:45 a.m.

Friends approved a change in time of meeting, effective November 2. Meeting for worship will begin at 9:45 a.m., with an adult discussion group meeting at 9:00.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned following a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

November 30, 1975

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was convened by Clerk Frank Edmondson on First Day, November 30, 1975 at 11:30 a.m. following meeting for worship. The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved with one correction. The Treasurer's report was presented as follows:

Cash on hand	$20.00
Savings bank	5,436.00
Checking acct.	44.99
	$5,501.51

Special fund for Elizabeth Cates - $500
Received from will of Fred Pope - $4,534.80

Finance Committee of Q.M.

George Keller reported on a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Quarterly Meeting November 9. He and Ralph Austin (Q.M. Treasurer) had previously met with representatives of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, who made it clear that they had committed themselves to paying their share of the Quarterly Meeting worker's salary only to the end of September 1975. Based on this report the Finance Committee projects a deficit of $900 by the end of December. A letter has gone out from David Davis, Clerk of Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel, to all members of the Quarter asking for extra support in meeting this deficit before the end of the year.

The Finance Committee also discussed future arrangements. A budget for the Quarterly Meeting for 1976 will be put together by representatives of the different monthly meetings early in December. George Keller asked the meeting if they would approve of having East Vassalboro's salary commitment paid directly by the Monthly Meeting treasurer to Paul Cates on a regular basis. This was approved, and George Keller will transmit it to the Quarterly Meeting Finance Committee.

Frank Edmondson reported for the Nominating Committee as follows:

Committees Appointments

For the Property & Finance Committee:

Ralph Kent
George Keller
Benjamin Cates
Maxine Robbins

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(Property + Finance Committee — continued)

Committee Appts.

Margaret Cates   Frank Edmondson
Mike Yates   Effie Cates
Monthly Meeting Treasurer ex officio

Committee on Ministry + Counsel + Religious Education:

Eleanor Wilson   Annette Yates
Robert Wilson   Lillian Haslam
Malvena Robbins   Ann Edmondson
Stephen Robbins   Ernest Tweed
Irma Simon   Kendall Cates (added 12/28/75)
(Clerk is a member ex officio of all committees)

Paul Cates suggested the addition of a Music Committee to be responsible for arranging special music. No action was taken on this.

It was suggested that the Clerk contact all those nominated to committees to find out if they are willing to serve so that action can be taken at the next meeting.

Christmas Plans

Plans were discussed for a Christmas program in the nature of a family get-together on Saturday evening, December 20, with each family to bring sandwiches and cookies. Following supper the Christmas tree may be trimmed as part of the celebration.

Yates-Horak Wedding

The Committee to oversee the marriage of Roger Michael Yates and Annette Horak reported that their wedding in the manner of Friends took place in the meeting house on Saturday, November 22, under the care of the meeting. A simple ceremony had previously taken place at the home of Paul Cates.

Smith-Bouton Wedding

It was announced that on Saturday, November 29th George Smith and Lorraine Bouton of Chelsea were married in

the meeting house with Paul Cates officiating.
After a period of silence the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet again if the Lord permit.

Mildred A. Keller, Recording Clerk

12/28/75

December 28, 1975

East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends was convened by Clerk Frank Edmondson on First Day, December 28 at 11:30 a.m. following meeting for worship. After a period of silence the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Maxine Robbins read the Treasurer's report which was as follows:

Cash on hand -	$141.50
Checking account -	206.75
Savings acct.	5,436.52
	$5,784.77

Pope Bequest

A letter had been sent to Gerald Robbins in regard to the bequest received from the estate of Fred Pope, saying that a bill for funeral services had been presented after the estate had been settled. Those receiving bequests are asked to share in paying this bill. The meeting directed that Gerald Robbins should attend to paying this share from the bequest money.

Ralph Greene transfer to N. Fairfield

A letter from Ralph Greene was read. He requests that his membership be transferred to the North Fairfield Meeting. No objections being made, it was left with the Clerk to take care of the matter.

Addition of Randall Cates to Ministry + Counsel

The suggested committees listed in last month's minutes which had been submitted by the Nominating Committee were approved, with the addition of Randall Cates' name to the committee on Ministry and Counsel.

A tentative schedule of January 18 for our next meeting was set, at which time plans will be made for Quarterly Meeting which we will host in February.

close of meeting It was decided to have Sunday School children return to sit with their parents at the close of meeting for announcements and collection, with a special collection from the children to aid in buying materials.

Property Committee duties It was decided that the Property Committee should be in charge of turning on the heat for meeting. They should discuss salt and a railing for the safety of the outside steps, also making sure that the step is shovelled.

No further business needing our attention, we adjourned after a moment of silent worship.

Ann C. Edmondson
Recording Clerk pro tem

1/25/76 January 25, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened following meeting for worship First Day, 1st Month 25, with Clerk Frank Edmondson presiding. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The following Friends were named as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting to be held 2nd Month 7 at Vassalboro: Irma Simon, Robert and Eleanor Wilson, Ralph and Celia Kent, Ben Cates. The women of the Meeting will plan the lunch and visiting Friends will be asked to bring desserts.

The Treasurer reported as follows.

Cash on hand	$50.11
Check book balance	185.30
Savings bank	5529.16

It was noted that our share of the funeral expense, $45.00, had been sent from the Fred Pope bequest as requested.

The budget committee will plan to meet to set up next year's budget to be considered Budget at the next monthly meeting. It was noted that Vassalboro Meeting is now handling its regular salary payments to the Quarterly Meeting worker directly rather than through the Quarterly Meeting treasurer. It has been suggested that a payment of about $20 per month for Quarterly Meeting expenses be sent to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer. The budget committee will discuss this.

The annual report on the state of the meeting is due shortly. Paul Cates and the Clerk will work together on this. Paul Cates described the way in which Mid-Coast Meeting had had a recent session to work out individual responses to the question of the spiritual condition of the meeting.

It was decided to hold Roll Call Sunday Roll Call on the third Sunday in March (21st). letter The following Friends were appointed to assist Paul Cates in getting out a Roll Call letter well in advance: Celia Kent and Stephen Robbins.

The suggestion was made by Paul Cates that Malvena Robbins be appointed as a recorded minister of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. Friends approved this suggestion and it will be brought before the Quarterly Meeting for their approval on the 7th.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded following a moment of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

2/29/76 February 29, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened following meeting for worship and pot luck dinner on First Day, 2nd Month 29, Clerk Frank Edmondson presiding. Meeting was held at the Cates home as the Meetinghouse had run out of heating oil.

The minutes of the January 25th meeting were read and amended.

Treasurer's report:

Cash on hand	$100.00
Checkbook balance	16.33
Saving bank (Gen. Fund)	5,509.06
	$5,625.39 total

Accepted.

Finance report: read.

Finance report — Proposed: Q. M. monthly payments to Paul Cates to be raised to $250.00. Approved. Proposed: to take $4,000 from the Pope fund and buy a 3-4 year savings certificate for a better rate of interest. Approved. Proposed: that the treasurer be authorized to disburse up to the budgeted amount without having to return to monthly meeting each time for approval. Approved.

Bible course by E. Week — Proposed: Ernest Week to come once a month for Bible discussions for four months, to take place after meeting for worship. Approved.

Easter plans — Easter breakfast proposed (Easter being the 18th of April). Approved was "the works," a grand breakfast put on by a committee formed by all the men of the church.

Following a reply from Malvina Robbins, Paul Cates proposed to give her name, as a minister, to Ministry and Council.

Q.M. Ministry + Council — Stephen Robbins accepted the proposal to replace Henry Warren on Ministry and Council of Quarterly Meeting (a 3 yr. period)

New business: Irma Simons introduced and passed around specimens of the Peace Ballot for consideration and will obtain more.
Meeting closed after a period of meditation.

Submitted by
Annette Yates, pro tem

March 21
1976

March 21, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened following Meeting for worship on First Day, Third Month 21, with Clerk Frank Edmondson presiding. After a brief period of silence the minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted as follows.

Cash on hand	$158.10
Saving bank	558.15
Checking acct.	433.55
	$1,149.80

$111.00 or more is yet to be paid to Fairfield Insurance. A new insurance policy is under consideration. A $4000 certificate was recently purchased.
$450 has been sent to Yearly Meeting.
$100 was sent to Quarterly Meeting treasurer, Ralph Austin, as voted on for expenses ($20/mo for 5 months).
A salary increase was paid to Paul Cates, retroactive to January 1.
Several checks have been received in response to the roll call letter.

A draft of the spiritual condition report, combining the three portions previously submitted, was read and discussed. Friends approved sending it to Quarterly Meeting in the form presented.

Malvena
Robbins as
recorded
minister

A letter drafted by the Clerk to go to the Quarterly Meeting suggesting that Malvena Robbins be recorded as a minister was approved and a copy is included with these minutes, as follows —

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Box 54
Smithfield, Me. 04978
March 19, 1976

Ministry and Counsel Committee
of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting
David Davis, Clerk

Dear Friends:

We send you the following minute to be considered:

"East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends would like to propose that Malvena Robbins be recorded as a minister by the Quarterly Meeting. Malvena Robbins' gift in the ministry has been demonstrated through inspirational spoken messages in our unprogrammed worship, through many years of Christian education to our young people in First Day School, but even more through her life, which has been an example to us all.

"Because it is our feeling that Malvena Robbins so truly personifies the basic Quaker belief, that each worshiper is in fact a minister of God's work, we would like to recognize her work by having her officially recorded as a minister."

We thank you for your Friendly consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
East Vassalboro Monthly Meeting
Frank H. Edmondson, Clerk

Work with youth

A concern was expressed to work with youth. Some general ideas were discussed, including the possibility of extending such a program to include not only Young Friends but other youth of the area. The question was raised as to whether it would not be better to start on a small scale with our own young people and expand as opportunity might open. Since some of the young people have expressed a desire for more Bible orientation, Paul Cates would be glad to meet with them for Discussion following meeting on Sundays. All this is still in an exploratory stage.

The current arrangement of having the children and teachers come in for announcements and collection at the close of meeting was reviewed. It was decided to have announcements at the close of meeting without the children, but to open the doors and direct the announcements so that the teachers may hear.

Paul Cates suggested the meeting might wish to invite Albert Bigelow who has been active in peace concerns to come for a weekend conference some time this spring, possibly in conjunction with the Quarterly Meeting in May. There was some thought that fall might be a more auspicious time. This will be referred to Ministry and Counsel.

Concern was expressed as to the Meeting's relationship and interest in the work of AFSC, especially as it involves a project in our area with Maine Indians.

Peace ballots were passed out by Irma Simon.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned after a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

April 29, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met at the home of Ben and Edna Cates on April 29, 1976 at eight o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash on hand	$17.50
Checking account	59.35
Savings acct — gen.	869.29
	$946.14

He also mentioned that bills recently received and not yet paid amount to $322.93. The new insurance coverage has been upgraded

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and the meeting approved of dropping a smaller policy which has been carried concurrently. The Treasurer distributed a budget report covering 1972-1976 and explained the various items.

Time of meeting

The meeting approved of changing the time of meeting for worship to 9 a.m. beginning the first of June and running through September. For October through May it will return to the 10 a.m. hour.

The question of noise abatement through use of curtains on the dining room doors and other means was discussed. The Property Committee was authorized to replace the windowshades.

The following representatives to Quarterly Meeting May 1st were appointed: Mike Yates, Annette Yates, Paul Cates, Ben Cates.

Representatives to the Council of Churches annual meeting were appointed: Paul and Elisabeth Cates, Mike and Annette Yates.

Discussion groups

Annette Yates brought up a need which has been felt for a regular discussion group and invited anyone interested to meet at their home two weeks from tonight to start one. Other members were in agreement that there is need for something of this sort.

Nominating Committee

The following Friends were appointed as a nominating committee to fill vacancies on Yearly Meeting committees: Eleanor Wilson, Ann Edmondson, Edna Cates.

Ben Cates announced that Elmer Brown expects to be at China Camp on Thursday evening, May 20th, to show slides of Friends United Meeting. All are invited to a pot luck supper preceding his talk.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned following a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

May 30, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends met Sunday, May 30, 1976 at the Meetinghouse before meeting for worship. Nine were present

Following a period of silence the minutes and the Treasurer's report were read and accepted.

The dates of July 24 and August 21 are available for use of the Grange Hall. It was thought that we should set up committees for the two dates at the June meeting.

We have been asked to take part in a Bicentennial celebration June 26th. It is hoped we can arrange something for display before next meeting. The Clerk and Stephen Robbins were left in charge.

It was brought up that we need funds for lawn mowing - donated monies to be sent to Ralph Kent.

Ernest Weed has agreed to have two more Bible lectures to be given in October and September, dates to be decided later.

The Friends World Committee will meet July 15th at Pond Camp meeting, with a lecture about Rufus Jones to be given by Elizabeth Gray Vining. Irma Jones Simon offered the needed hospitality of her cottage for visiting Friends.

The meeting was closed with a moment of silence.

/s/ Grace Edmondson
Recording Clerk pro tem

June 17, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting took place on June 17, 1976 at the home of Bernard Edna Cates at 8 p.m. Clerk Frank Edmondson presided and 11 were present.

The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was not available.

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Bicentennial Celebration

Plans were discussed for a special observation of the Bicentennial during the regular meeting for worship on June 26, as all Vassalboro churches are asked to do. Suggestions included having several Friends sit on the facing bench and read part of the Queries, following a short description of Vassalboro Meeting over the years to be provided by Stephen Robbins. Malvena Robbins, Edna Cates, Frank Edmondson, and Ralph Kent will be asked to read Queries. A discussion developed as to the meaning of Quakerism and whether it is Quakerly to celebrate the Bicentennial at all. It was noted that North Fairfield Meeting is issuing a statement taking a stand against any recognition of the Bicentennial. Several Vassalboro Friends felt this occasion might encourage us to think more deeply of the meaning of Quakerism and that we should try to make our celebration a thoughtful and meaningful affair rather than trying to bring in gimmicks.

Fund-raising

Fund-raising projects for the summer were discussed, and some sort of food sale and perhaps rummage sale will be held on July 24th with the thought that any rummage left over could be given to the Library for their sale. The committee suggested for this event is: Margaret Cates, Nancy Cates, Annette Yates, Gerald Robbins, Ralph Kent, Elisabeth Cates, Joyce Rowe.

Instead of a fund-raising affair in August, Friends favored a non-supper.

Y.M. Committees

The following Friends have been nominated for Yearly Meeting Committees:

Nominating Committee - Margaret Cates
Ministry and Counsel - Robert Wilson
Finance - Ben Cates

Y.M. representatives

For representatives to Yearly Meeting in August:

Ernest Weed Robert Wilson
Anne Edmondson Eleanor Wilson

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Mike Yates was asked to serve as a Meeting correspondent to see that notices and information are given to local newspapers.

Cemetery

More discussion of the cemetery ensued. It was suggested that we hold a bee to clear brush and extend the fence, since extra land has been given by Malvena Robbins. The Property Committee is asked to meet and make decision on this matter promptly, as families are waiting to buy lots.

The lawn is to be mowed by volunteer help from our neighbors the Steckins, during June and August, and funds are available to take care of July.

Quarterly Meeting will be the second Saturday in August, with Edwin Bronner of Friends World Committee for Consultation as speaker. A Quarterly Meeting picnic will be held at Oakland on July 18th.

The meeting adjourned following a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

July 25, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened on July 25, 1976 at the Meeting house following Meeting for worship and a social period, with Clerk Frank Edmondson presiding.

Food sale

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. The regular report of the Treasurer was not available, but it was announced that gross proceeds of the food and rummage sale held the day before amounted to $471.68. The meeting expresses appreciation to all who helped make this a success.

The Property Committee will plan to meet on Friday, July 30, at the meeting house to consider cemetery matters.

The following representatives were appointed

Y. M. representative to Quarterly Meeting on August 12: Malvena Robbins, Margaret Cates, Lillian Haslam, Paul Cates.

"Non-Supper" A discussion of further fund-raising centered around plans for the "non-supper" in August. Announcement will be made at meetings each Sunday in August, and the focus of the project will be August 22. The committee to solicit will include Grace Edmondson, Elisabeth Cates, Margaret Cates, Mildred Keller.

The next monthly meeting will be held on August 22 following meeting for worship.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded after a short period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

No monthly meeting appears to have been held in August of 1976.

September 19, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting met on the afternoon of September 19th after a pleasant potluck lunch at the summer home of Esther Jones and Irma Simon. Mary Hoxie Jones was a guest at lunch.

Due to the illness of Frank Edmondson, Eleanor Wilson served as Clerk pro tem. The meeting started with a period of silence.

Time of meeting and First Day School The first matter discussed was the question of meeting time. As of October 3rd our meeting for worship will be at 9:30 a.m. on First Day. First day school for children and adults will follow at 10:30. An 11:30 end to the schedule will allow more time for dinner preparation than a 10:00 a.m. start would have done.

A First Day School Committee meeting was planned for Wednesday evening at 8:00 at the Yates home.

Christian Civic League

Eleanor Wilson reported on the broader base of concern now characterizing the Christian Civic League. They are in great financial need. We agreed to appoint October as a special contribution month for the League.

The treasurer's report was given by Malvena Robbins:

General fund, Waterville Savings Bank	$1,617.31
Depositors Trust Checking Acct.	182.21
Cash on hand	28.00
Total	$1,827.52

The proceeds from the non-supper totalled $256.

Friends warmly approved the suggestion that a present be given to Alfred and Mildred Taylor on the occasion of their 57th anniversary, Oct. 17th. Malvena Robbins will be in charge of the purchase.

Membership application

Paul and Dari Forman have applied for meeting membership. Malvena Robbins, Frank and Ann Edmondson, Stephen Robbins, and Joyce Rowe were appointed as a Committee to meet with the Formans and then report back to the Monthly Meeting.

Quarterly Meeting will be held on October 2nd at the Student Christian Association in Orono. The topic of an afternoon Forum will be "Religious Education in our Meeting."

An informal discussion group on concerns of individual Friends will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30, starting early in October.

After a brief period of silence we parted, purposing to meet again in October if the Lord permit.

Paul Cates (per mek)
Recording Clerk pro tem

October 24, 1976

Membership applications

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held on October 24, 1976. Minutes of the last meeting were read. A question arose regarding procedure for the membership application of Paul and Dari Forman. A committee was chosen. Malvena Robbins requests that another head the committee. Bob Rowe has sent a letter of application for membership. Ministry and Counsel is requested to meet to consider both applications and to appoint or reaffirm the present committee.

Malvena Robbins reported that a lamp was given to Alfred and Mildred Taylor on ~~their~~ 50th anniversary.

Treasurer's Report:

General fund	$1,617.31
Checking acct.	2.62
Cash on hand	72.60
Total	$ 1,692.53

Major expenses this month:
(1) Service Contract on furnace
(2) Insurance

Yearly Mtg. payments

Ben Cates reported from the Finance Committee of Yearly Meeting. They would appreciate it if meetings would contribute quarterly. This would help the Yearly Meeting treasurer meet current expenses.

Furnace

The Property Committee is requested to meet and evaluate the present furnace as well as the cost of some insulation among other needs.

Cemetery procedure

Ralph Wallace has requested a cemetery lot. Discussion regarding a standard policy to be set by the Property Committee to recommend to Monthly Meeting.

UNICEF

The Meeting approved that Friends' Sunday School collect for UNICEF. Boxes and money obtained to be given to collection center in Waterville.

Months' emphasis for special collections:
October – Christian Civic League
December – AFSC

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Margaret Cates (per MTR)
Recording Clerk pro tem

November 21, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was held in the Meeting house following meeting for worship on November 21, 1976. Clerk Frank Edmondson presided. After a brief silence the minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Maxine Robbins as follows:

Cash on hand	0.00
Checking acct.	159.35
Savings acct.	1171.14
Total	$1330.49

She noted that $460 had been withdrawn, of which $300 had been sent to Yearly Meeting and the remainder used for payment of bills. The $20 collected in the special box for October has been sent to the Christian Civic League.

Ralph Bent reported that a Sears representative had looked over the furnace and that he expects an estimate shortly on a new furnace.

New members Dori & Paul Forman

The committee appointed by Ministry and Counsel has met with Paul and Dori Forman and recommends that they be accepted into membership in Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. The meeting approved this report and warmly welcomes Dori and Paul as members. A copy of this minute is being sent to Dori and Paul.

A letter was read from Douglas Hollingsworth asking that we give

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thought to whether the Quarterly Meeting Worker Program should be continued another year. Ministry + Counsel will meet and consider what recommendation to send by January.

A request was read from the Yearly Meeting Committee on Minute 74 asking for contributions to send disadvantaged students to Friends Schools. It was suggested that contributions to the box for January be designated for this purpose. It would be helpful if a notation could be made on the box indicating what purpose the money collected each month will be used for.

Committees of Monthly Meeting

The committee situation was discussed and committees will continue as appointed last November if members are willing. Both the Property-Finance Committee and Ministry + Counsel will meet following worship on December 5. A suggestion was made that the Yearly Meeting practice of setting up committees with members appointed for one, two, or three-year terms be used with Monthly Meeting Committees.

Joyce Rowe requested permission to use the meetinghouse for a family Thanksgiving dinner. The meeting approved this request with no fee to be asked.

Friends wish to express sympathy to Bob Rowe on the death of his mother. Paul is asked to arrange for a plant to be sent to him from the meeting.

The next lecture by Ernest Weed will be the second Sunday in January.

The Sunday School situation was discussed. There are now three classes in addition to the nursery. It is felt that two classes could be combined.

Nov. 1976 (cont.) There is need for more teachers to share in the work. The problems will be considered more fully when the committee meets in two weeks.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned after a moment of silence.

Recording Clerk

December 12, 1976

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting was convened following meeting for worship December 12, 1976, by Clerk Frank Edmondson. After a brief silence the minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported as follows:

Cash	0
Checking acct.	179.15
Saving	1071.14
Total	1350.29

All bills are paid to date, and the contribution to Yearly Meeting has been paid as budgeted for 1976.

New member Bob Rowe The committee appointed by Ministry & Counsel has met with Bob Rowe. They feel he is familiar with Friends' beliefs and practices and has already contributed much to the meeting and the community, and they recommend that he be accepted into membership. The meeting accepted this report and is happy to welcome Bob Rowe as a member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting. A copy of this minute is being sent to Bob Rowe.

Q.M. Worker Program There was some discussion of the future of the Quarterly Meeting worker program. Ministry & Counsel has considered this and is willing to go along with whatever other Meetings may decide. They would like to see the Newsletter continue. Paul Cates reported on a discussion that took place earlier at Mid-Coast Meeting and

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indicated that some of the functions of the Quarterly Meeting worker are now being handled by volunteers, such as intervisitation.

New Furnace

Ben Cates, chairman of Property and Finance, reported on two estimates that have been received for installation of a new furnace. A thorough discussion took place as to the need for a new furnace, possible alternatives, and ways of financing a furnace if the Meeting should decide to proceed. Such factors as the rising cost of oil and a recent increase in steel prices were considered. Suggestions for financing a new furnace included using the Pope bequest, asking members to contribute, or taking it out of other meeting funds. After a lengthy discussion the Meeting approved purchase of a new furnace at an estimate of $1300, to be paid by Meeting funds, with volunteer assistance hoped for in pulling apart and removing the old furnace.

Transfer of membership of Mae Cates Smith

A letter from Mae Cates Smith requesting transfer of her membership to the First Baptist Church of Waterville was approved by Ministry and Counsel. The Monthly Meeting authorized the Clerk to send a letter of transfer to the First Baptist Church with a copy to Mae Cates Smith.

Friends expressed a wish to send a gift to Eleanor and Robert Wilson in honor of their 40th anniversary celebration on the 19th. It was agreed that Friends who wish to do so may contribute to a fund to be sent to some worthy cause which the Wilsons will be asked to designate.

A question was raised as to what to do about Sunday School finances. The Meeting approved combining the Sunday School account with the regular budget of the Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Mildred A. Keller
Recording Clerk

Note: This record book covers 26 years of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting records, from First Month 1951 through Twelfth Month 1976

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